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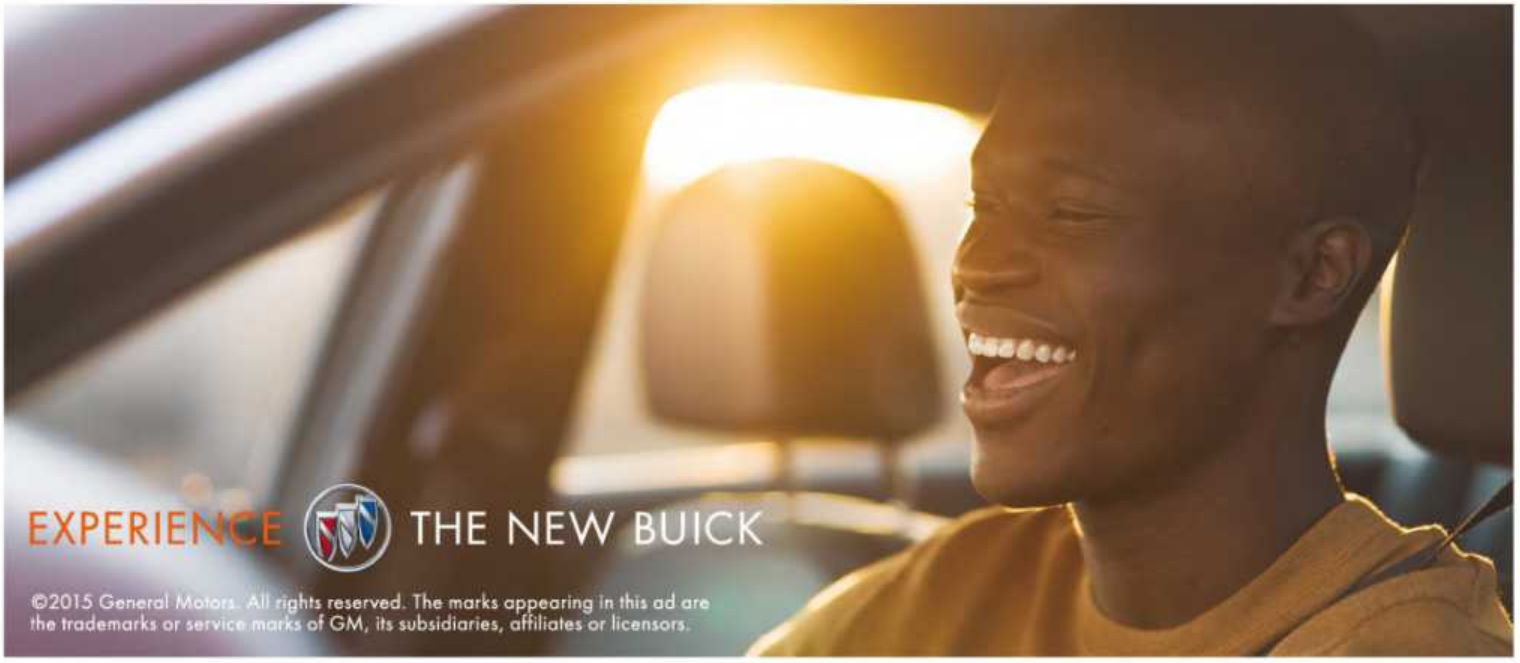
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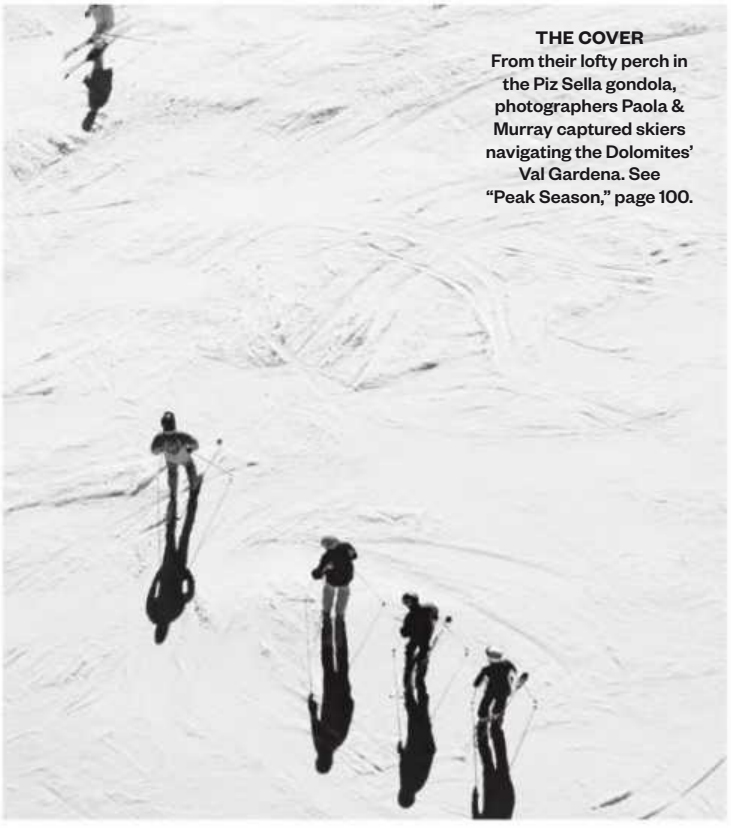
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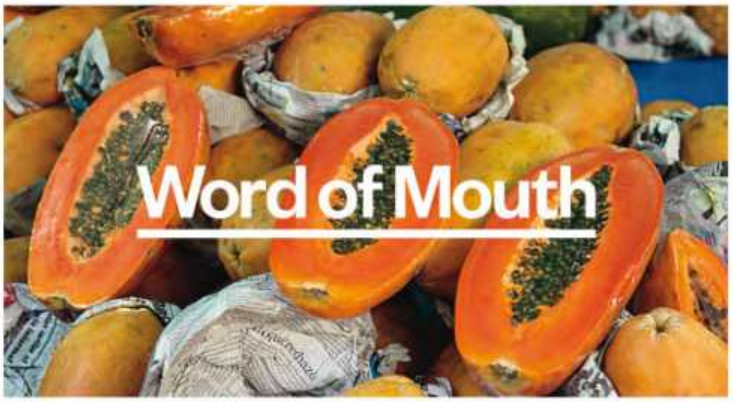
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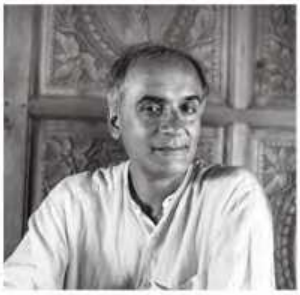


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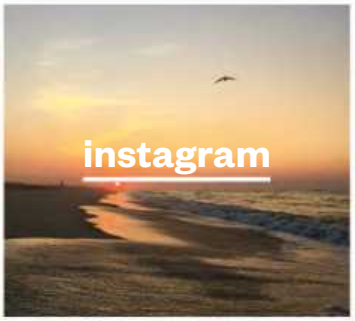
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Family Vacation, Reimagined

I KNEW THAT sending my two kids to different schools would mean doubling up on drop-off, curriculum nights, and, yes, annual gift giving. What I didn't fully account for was how two schedules would result in twice the number of vacation days. It wasn't until one night in late November, as I feverishly tapped away on my laptop in the dark, researching a family trip to Egypt, that my husband asked, "When do you think we'll be able to go if we're all having Christmas in New York?" Though back in September I'd plugged the dates for both school vacations into the calendar, it took weeks before I could accept that the boys' breaks would overlap for only three days.

First-world parenting pain, I know. But I was a travel junkie in need of my next fix—and one that applied by extension to my children. While we spend an unapologetically culture-free month on Fire Island every summer, we are rigorous about taking trips that teach, and we try to align at least a portion of our travel with something they're learning in school. (The abandoned Egypt trip was inspired by my older son's fifth-grade Egypt and Mesopotamia unit.) Years ago we'd made the mistake of taking our kids for too many days to a lovely yet isolated warm-weather resort, where the smoothie bill at the swim-up bar could have paid a teacher's monthly salary in Kolkata. In the AmEx-bill postmortem, we vowed never to do that again—at least not for more than a few days. (We do, however, reserve the right to a short adults-only, do-nothing-but-read-booze-sun-and-swim beach getaway once a year.)

At the time of my face-palming realization, I was in the midst of planning a work trip to East Africa (see pages 68 and 71). Ebola was in full swing, and safari bookings had plummeted to a record low. My hope was to help encourage travel to unaffected areas like Tanzania and Kenya. (It seemed that the world had forgotten that Africa is a continent and not a country.) Instead of wallowing in the missed opportunity for a whole-family safari, we decided to divide and conquer: I would go with my eight-year-old, Willem, while my husband would tack extra days onto a work trip to Zurich and Paris and take our 11-year-old.

After our first day in Tanzania, I felt convinced that bringing my animal-obsessed son was the right decision. Never are kids more curious, attuned to injustice, or as conservation-ready as they are at eight or nine—before friends and Snapchat supplant the primacy of parents and stuffed animals. My older son would have loved it too, but there's something about experiencing the animals, the birds, and even a macho Land Rover tearing across the plains through a very young child's eyes that awakens an adult's own childlike awe.

More than the actual adventure, though, it was the time spent alone together on foreign soil that I ended up feeling happiest—and guiltiest—about. (My other son and I are actively plotting a trip to Spain.) Months later, when a friend of ours asked Will what his favorite parts of the trip were, he answered, "I loved the lion cubs, the warthogs, Niall and Matthew [two of our guides]… and getting to sleep next to Mom every night."

Ditto.



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Editor's Itinerary

Two trips we're obsessing over this month.





From left: On safari with giraffes in Tanzania; the Babylonstoren estate, near Cape Town.

Plan Now: The Serengeti

With safari experts forecasting a wildly busy 2016 after last spring's dip in demand, you'll need to get organized early.

HOW TO DO IT

In years past, you could still find availability at the best lodges in Africa when booking six months out. Now, you'll need to plan at least a year ahead to land a room at the most sought-after camps—a sign that demand for trips is rebounding after the Ebola crisis (the virus didn't reach East or Southern Africa anyway) and concerns over terrorism in parts of Kenya. As travelers rush in, one constant remains: The best way to maximize your wildlife watching and to avoid disappointing stays is to enlist the help of a pro, as editor in chief Pilar Guzmán did on a recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania (page 68). To create a family-friendly expedition, she contacted Cherri Briggs of Explore, who devised a multiflight hopscotch across the savanna, a trip that took serious logistical expertise. Briggs recommended &Beyond's Serengeti Under Canvas, a semi-permanent lodge that moves with the Great Migration, the December-to-May running of nearly 1.5 million wildebeests. (Its up-close location means the 18-guest property is often booked solid far in advance, particularly in high season.) For those who can spare the time, Briggs usually suggests 11 or 12 days on safari, with stays at places like Tanzania's Faru Faru Lodge, on Singita's game-filled Grumeti Reserve, or Kenya's Mara Plains Camp, on the banks of the Ntiakitiak in the Maasai Mara. &Beyond's contemporary and more modestly priced Kichwa Tembo tented camp, at the foot of the Oloolulo Escarpment in Kenya, is also a good option for families. Thankfully, you won't spend a ton of time in transit: Most destinations are easily reached on short flights to private airstrips.

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GET A LITTLE HELP

If you are looking to combine a trip to Cape Town with a bit of wildlife viewing and wine-tasting, an Africa expert like Linda Friedman of Custom Safaris can help you maximize your time. She's well connected in the city, with insidery guides and reliable drivers who can tailor tours to your interests, whether you want to spot penguins on Boulders Beach, hike near the Cape of Good Hope, or market hop for souvenirs. If you have a full week, Friedman suggests adding a couple of nights in the nearby Winelands, where some of the country's best reds are made. Here, she can connect you with a licensed Cape Wine Master who knows which cellars are worth a visit and which to skip.

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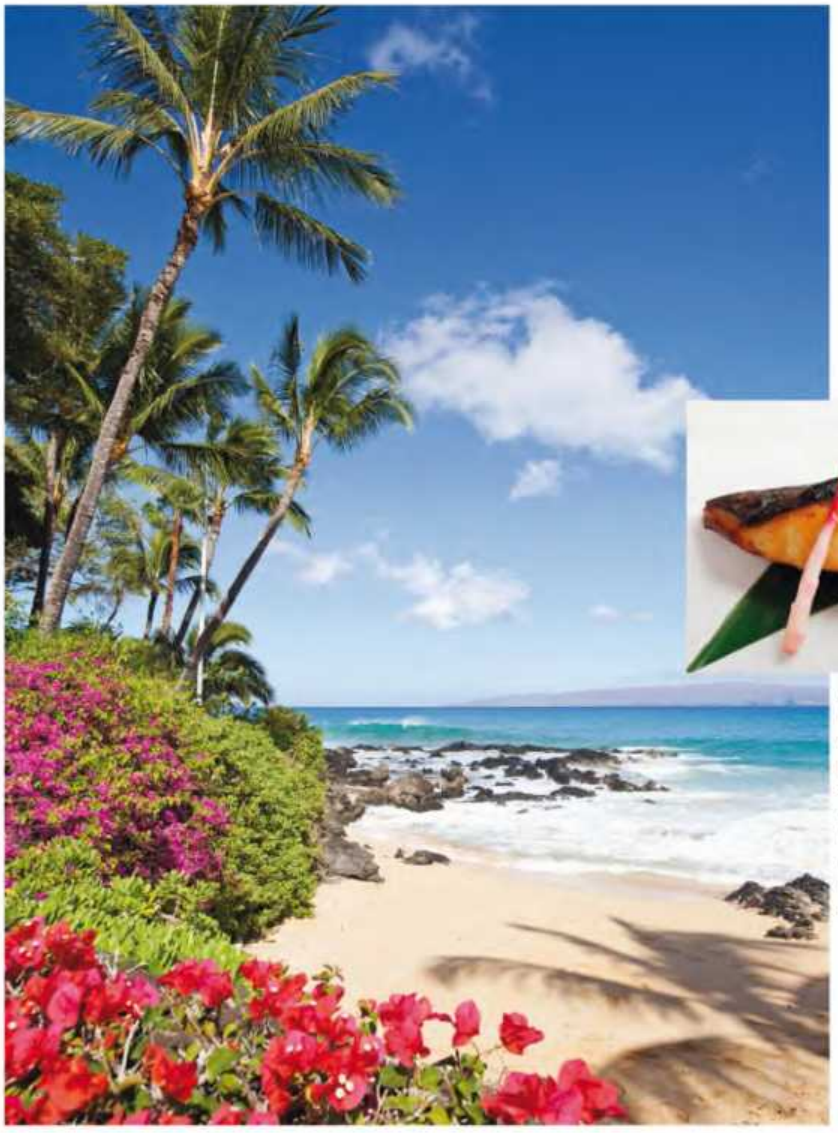
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LEFT: Hawaiian beach with coconut palm trees. **TOP:** Black cod miso at Nobu Waikiki. **RIGHT:** A perfectly chilled Mai Tai at sunset.

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ABOVE: Private paddleboarding lesson. Hula performer at the House Without a Key. **BELOW:** Poolside at the Kahala Hotel & Resort.

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Private Yachts & Presidential Plates

MORNING:
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AFTERNOON:
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PARISIAN GLAMOUR MAKES A COMEBACK





Previous page: The Art Deco–influenced lobby at the Hôtel Bachaumont. **Above:** The hotel's stately exterior belies the buzzy vibe inside. **Inset:** A cocktail in waiting at Night Flight, the hotel bar.

PARIS

Making a Scene

At the Hôtel Bachaumont, it's the locals—as much as visiting guests—who are ushering in a new era of going out.

IT WASN'T JUST the tablecloth that was stripped from the restaurants of Paris when the *neo-bistrot* trend emerged. With it went the coat and tie requirement, the red lips and heels—all rendered obsolete by the casual vibe that's overtaken the city's dining and drinking life for the last decade. But if the bar and restaurant at the **Hôtel Bachaumont,** in the second arrondissement's Les Halles district, is any indication, the pendulum just might be swinging back to a new age of cocktail dressing. Each evening around nine o'clock, a refreshingly refined Parisian crowd pours in for drinks and dinner, and the vibe shifts from restrained to rollicking. Twenty- and thirty-somethings wearing Saint Laurent, Isabel Marant, and Common Projects seem to blend into the glamorous yet casual Art Deco–influenced interiors by designer Dorothée Meilichizon (also behind the Grand Pigalle Hôtel and Café Loustic). The Gubi chairs reupholstered in patchwork fabrics, backgammon-inspired wood tables, mosaic marble floors, and diamond-shaped brass light fixtures from Lambert et Fils set the stage for the restaurant's artful riff on French bistro classics like steak tartare and *quasi de veau*. A properly mixed cocktail at the superb bar Night Flight is reason enough to go (we love the gin-based Fennel Collins). If you're still there for last call, book one of the 49 small but elegant rooms upstairs, where, surprisingly, you won't hear the party going on below (hotelbachaumont.com; from $318). -LINDSEY TRAMUTA

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Rising in the West

Remote, beachy, and surprisingly hip, Perth is Australia's fastest-growing city.

PERTH HAS LONG had an image problem. Topographically, Western Australia's capital calls to mind a smaller, flat Seattle, with low-rise neighborhoods framed by Norfolk pines and the tropical-green Indian Ocean. And though its white sand beaches are legendary, the city itself was seen as little more than an upstart frontier town—a place several hours' flying time from any "nice part" of the country, where the hard-nosed could make a fortune in mining but style was in short supply.

How things have changed: Today, Perth is more cash-inundated than ever, thanks to China's insatiable appetite for minerals, while the city has grown improbably diverse (about one in three residents was born overseas). Now, chefs with name recognition are arriving to open restaurants, hip shopping districts are popping up, and once dodgy neighborhoods are becoming destinations unto themselves. Nor does Perth plan to slow down: A $1 billion waterfront development, an underground train line, a major new museum, an enormous sports arena, and an airport expansion are all forthcoming. The expected wave of business travelers and (assumedly) tourists will have their choice of new hotels, with Ritz-Carlton, Starwood, and Westin all opening locations here in the next two years. But the big news—and perhaps the most surprising—is **COMO The Treasury,** the latest from Christina Ong's COMO Hotels and Resorts and the brand's first-ever property in Australia.

A fitting emblem of the new Perth, The Treasury is part of the ambitious Cathedral Square development, a $580 million reinvention of a cluster of nineteenth-century state treasury and Anglican Diocese buildings on the edge of the Central Business District. "These structures have sat empty for more than 20 years," says Kerry Hill, the local boy turned renowned architect who designed the COMO hotel. "What we did was essentially a restoration—the fabric of the original layout wasn't touched." Indeed, almost every detail in the hotel (which primarily occupies the top floors of three 140-year-old buildings) has been returned to its original state, from the reinstalled dormer windows to the roofline's copper trim. Hill has also brought his distinct brand of spare, understated cool, which contrasts beautifully with the period accents, to the 48 rooms and suites.

Of course, this being Australia, all things begin and end with food. Executive chef Jed Gerrard, who worked at Tetsuya Wakuda in Sydney, runs Wildflower, the hotel's glassed-in rooftop restaurant. Just downstairs from The Treasury is David Thompson's Thai street-food joint, Long Chim, and Petition Kitchen, a café-meets-gastro from Cumulus alum Jesse Blake that serves killer flat whites in the morning and kingfish crudo in a ginger vinaigrette with your pint. Suddenly, the frontier town is looking like the true pioneer (comohotels.com; from $435). –MARIA SHOLLENBARGER

Clockwise from top left: The Treasury, post-restoration; Cottesloe Beach, a 20-minute drive from the city center; Postal Hall, a revamped building in Cathedral Square.

Perth's Hit List

Alex Hotel: Located in once-dingy-now-fabulous Northbridge, the Alex is low-key hip (loaner bikes; honor bars) but still gives us what we want: quality linens and a spectacular breakfast spread (alexhotel.com.au; from $162).

Cottesloe Beach: A near mile-long swath of vanilla-white sand that earns every "best beach" accolade it's garnered over the last hundred-odd years.

Lalla Rookh Bar and Eating House: Chef Joel Valvasori-Pereza takes a cue from his Italian forebearers here, where small plates (try the Aperol-cured kingfish with juniper oil) are paired with Italian and Australian wines (lallarookh.com.au).

Print Hall: Four restaurants and bars share space in this former newspaper house; the namesake bar and restaurant is where you'll find us with a dozen fresh-shucked oysters and some cold Australian white from the 22,000-bottle-strong cellar (printhall.com.au).

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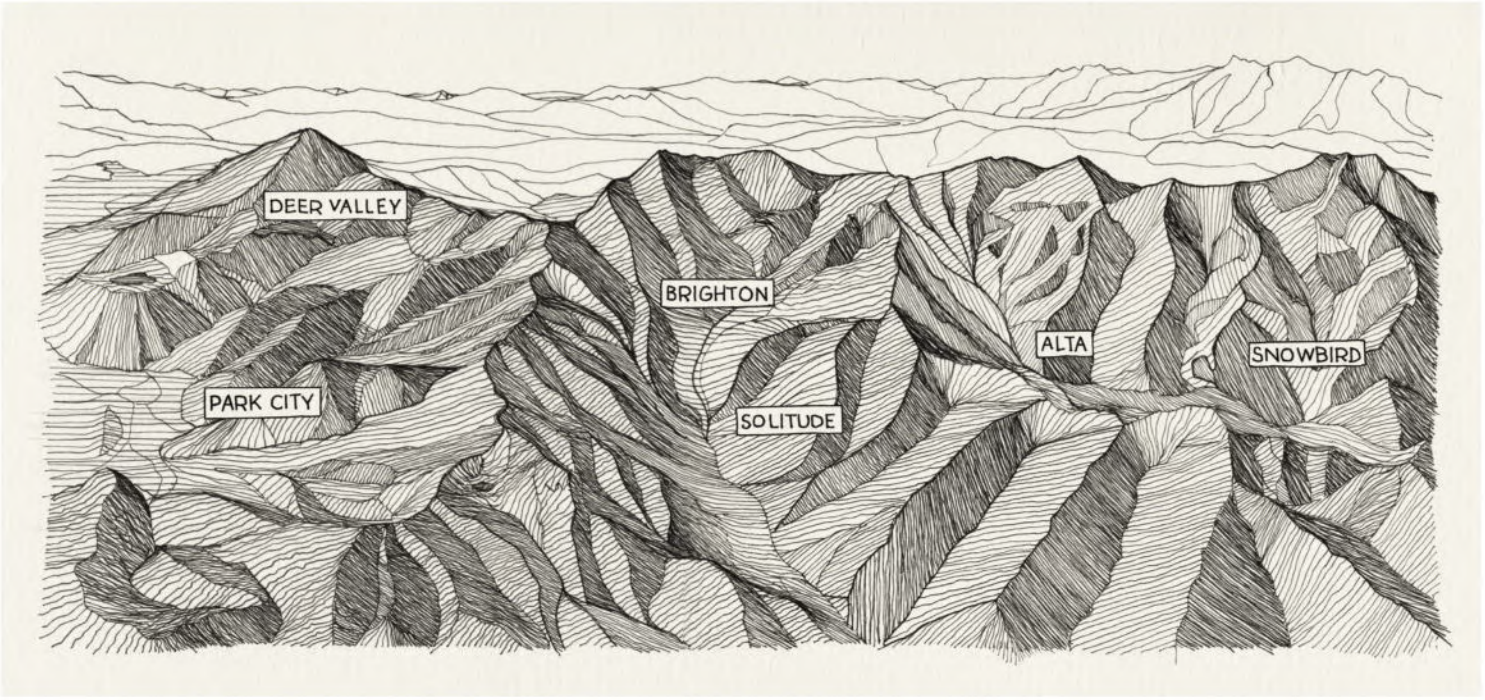
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High Anxiety

As a couple of high-profile deals begin to turn Utah into a mega-mountain mecca, a former local tries to imagine what that might look like. BY CANDICE RAINEY

WHEN YOU TELL someone you grew up skiing in Utah and learned how to white knuckle a tow rope before tying your shoes, it's pretty much assumed you are a badass at hurling yourself down steep, icy faces at whatever spine-straightening temperature you glimpsed on your car's dashboard in the parking lot. The truth is, I'm not so much a badass skier as a spoiled one. I blame the Central Wasatch Mountains—that tightly knit range of craggy peaks where 500 inches of "the greatest snow on earth" falls annually. Yes, I've made fast jump turns on peopleless bowls, bombed down absurdly narrow tree-lined chutes, and willed my edges to grip with an otherworldly life force on steep facades. But anyone who's been lucky enough to click into their bindings here knows that, more often than not, this unfettered terrain is bathed in deep, airy powder, accented by a preposterously blue sky.

There goes the neighborhood? A map of the Wasatch Mountains' six skiable peaks shows just how close they are.

Until I was 18, I lived 20 minutes from Big and Little Cottonwood canyons (home to Solitude, Brighton, Snowbird, and Alta), where most locals skied. Like all teenagers who thought they were meant for bigger things than their hometown could handle, I was an idiot, taking my heavenly backyard for granted, at times even wishing that it telegraphed a bit more polish, like the slicker, fur-trimmed ski towns in Colorado. Then I moved. And whenever I packed up my Völkls and drove at dawn to beat the traffic and Saturday-morning crowds in either Boulder or New York, skiing became a chore. I missed the distilled joy that the Wasatch, with its ease and accessibility, practically spoon-fed me. Waiting in endless lines alongside snowplowers shielding themselves from sub-zero temperatures in jeans and Jets puffer jackets made me realize how special my little pocket of the American West really is.

Not that Utah needs my evangelism. Since 2002, when Salt Lake City hosted the Olympic Games and gained a national reputation beyond a place where a lot of Mormons live, Utah resorts have seen an uptick in visitors, from nearly three million to well over four million. That number is only expected to grow now that Vail has bought Park City Mountain Resort (PCMR) and is merging it with the Canyons next door (which they also own) to create a 7,300-acre mega-mountain. Meanwhile, Solitude, an under-the-radar locals' favorite, was purchased by Park City's tonier neighbor to the southeast, Deer Valley. If you haven't been reading the two local newspapers or powder.com, let me fill you in on the municipal soap opera that's been playing out over the last four years. In 2011, PCMR operator Powdr Corp, run by the local Cumming family,

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forgot (whoops!) to renew its 20-year lease with Talisker Land Holdings, the Canadian company that owned the land. In 2014, Vail saw an opportunity to buy the resort, anchoring a town dripping with cool-kid cred—thanks to its silver mining roots and an '80s ski-bum culture that still thrums along Main Street. Last summer, Vail poured $50 million into improvements, including a new restaurant, and erected Quicksilver, a high-speed eight-passenger two-way gondola that essentially connects the formerly independent resorts.

For the vacationer who wants to get 30,000 feet of vertical in one day or clock 15 runs before drinking Sonoma's finest come 4:30, the development is a major score. Meanwhile, the people who live and work in Park City are nail-biting over the possibility that their clannish, bohemian-tinged version of a ski town could ultimately become, well, Vail. As one local newspaper op-ed groused, "We know they have a plan and it's going to be one to benefit their business." (Recognizing the angst, Paul Marshall, director of communications for Ski Utah, a marketing arm for the state's resorts, notes, "Vail only wants to keep the fabric of the town together.")

Back in the day, my friends and I never had much interest in skiing Park City or Deer Valley. Sure, we went for the scene—to drink beer with fake IDs and hear the Indigo Girls sing "our truths" alfresco. But we were firm Big and Little Cottonwood canyons loyalists. Why? Alta got the best snow. Fact. Brighton was where snowboarding became a thing. And Solitude was a quintessential locals' mountain. There was nothing refined about the place—canned beer, reggae, and a grilled burger at the mid-mountain lodge—but the few tourists you did see couldn't believe their luck in finding it. There should have been a mug in the souvenir shop that read: *We've let you in—don't fuck it up for the rest of us.*

Of course, much as I'd like Solitude to remain a closely guarded secret, that doesn't make for the best business plan. Which is why I was partly relieved when Deer Valley purchased Solitude last year. As Julie Faure, a backcountry guide with Utah Mountain Adventures, put it, "Solitude has had a hard life. At least Deer Valley is local." It's an odd marriage, to be sure: Deer Valley offers a Slim Aarons–esque luxury ski experience where valets carry your equipment from car to lift, and there's concern that Solitude could lose its rugged appeal.

Some change I can handle. (Even if I'd never be fully comfortable with someone carrying my skis for me, I wouldn't complain about a decent cheese plate come 2:30 in lieu of a charred burger. Just please keep the Peter Tosh on.) But what would break my heart a little would be to hardly recognize these canyons in five or ten years. And that could happen: These recent deals have resurrected a decades-old conversation about connecting all *six* of the area's resorts, creating an American version of Les Trois Vallées in the French Alps, one of the world's largest ski regions. Proponents argue that it would give it an edge over competitors like Wyoming's Jackson Hole and Montana's Big Sky, while literally spreading the wealth. "Imagine staying at Alta and then having lunch at High West Distillery in Park City," Marshall says—on one lift ticket, no less.

Backcountry enthusiasts like Faure object that private companies are, in essence, gobbling up the area's "excellent backcountry"; it's the limited development that made these mountains a draw for adventure-seekers who'd rather hike for first tracks than take a lift. And apart from the tactical question of how many chairlift rides it would take to get from one peak to another, even proponents acknowledge that handling the coming influx will put a strain on current infrastructure: "With predictions for significant population and tourism growth over the next few decades, our biggest concern is transportation," says Nathan Rafferty, president of Ski Utah. "The clock is ticking."

But much as I hate to admit it, I could see how making a day of skiing a few resorts—each with its distinct culture and tribal following—could be . . . kind of cool. I imagine there's a way to do it without marring the natural beauty of the place with new lifts and lodges, keeping the backcountry open to guides, like Faure, whose livelihood depends on it. In other words: Come on in. Just don't fuck it up for the rest of us. ◆

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Ask Deb Lovci what she digs most about her job as a backcountry guide for **Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour** and she'll tell you, "I love when someone looks across the Wasatch and they're just like, 'Wow, this is amazing.' " You don't have to wait for the political dust to settle to ski all six resorts—that's Deer Valley, Park City, Brighton, Solitude, Alta, and Snowbird. For $325, you can join up to 12 other skiers on the "interconnect tour," which offers unparalleled guided access to some of the greatest backcountry terrain out there. "You don't need any special equipment—this isn't the day to demo new powder skis," says Lovci, who's been leading the tour for 25 years. "But I always tell people they have to be fit." Between leisurely lift rides at the resorts and first tracks on fresh powder, making your way from Deer Valley to Snowbird or vice versa "definitely requires some hiking," Lovci warns, "either skis over shoulders or sidestepping—and we spend a lot of the day at 10,000 feet" (skiutah.com/interconnect).

When Park City opened in the 1960s, it had the longest gondola lift in the U.S.



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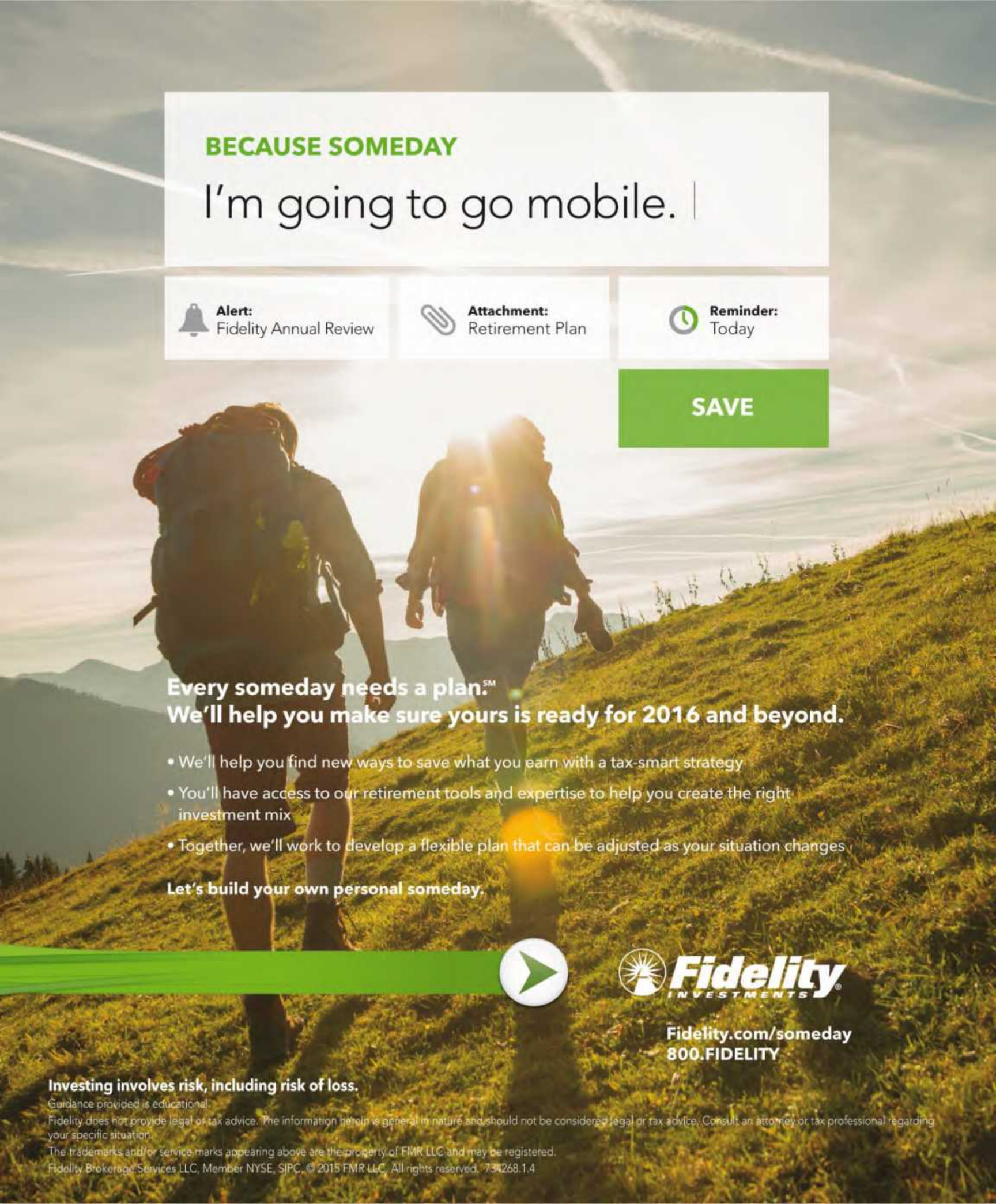
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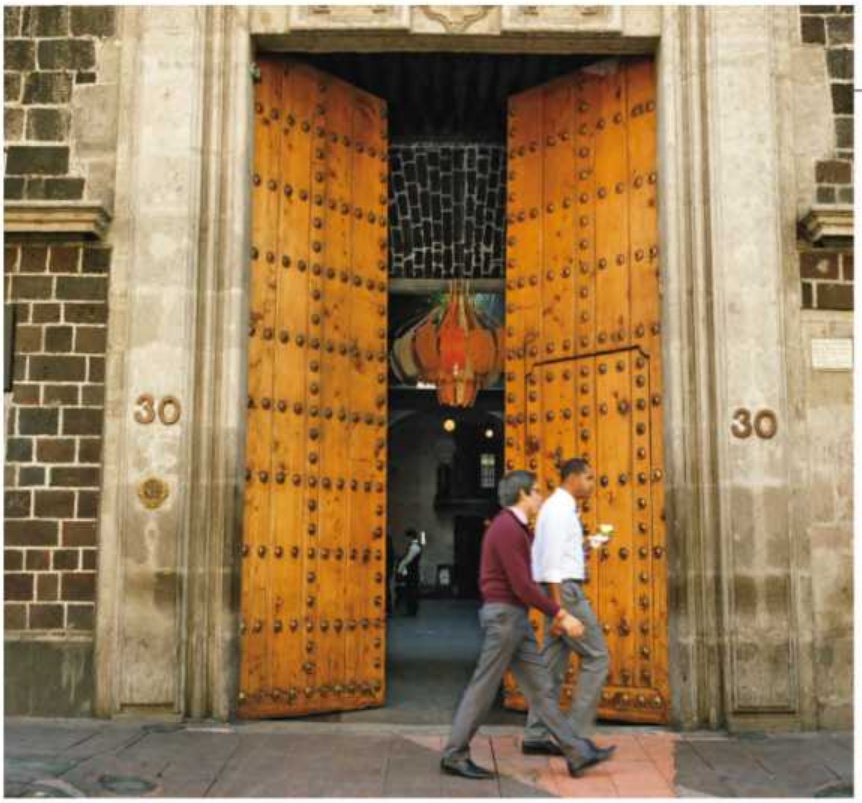
MEXICO CITY

FLY IN AT night, when the land below glitters like a vast black-and-gold carpet and the scale of the city is mesmerizing, if not entirely overwhelming. This is, by most counts, the largest metropolitan area in the Western Hemisphere (they don't call it El Monstruo for nothing). Yet in the morning, at street level, when sunlight glints off those colonial mansions, Mexico City can reveal a startling intimacy beneath the grandeur and sprawl. To know the real city is to appreciate its mural-covered museums, its colorful crafts markets, its game-changing art and design scenes, some of the most beguilingly complex food in Latin America—and, yes, even its grit. El Distrito Federal (the D.F.) has emerged as one of the world's cultural powerhouses, where an endless wave of homegrown and international talent are hard at work and at play, reinventing the city on a daily basis. Every once in a while, you can feel a place having a moment. For Mexico City, that moment is now.
–JULIA COOKE

Worth the trip: Fifteen years in, Pujol remains one of the city's top restaurants.

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The Downtown Mexico hotel, near the city's historic center.

Where to Stay

If it weren't for everything else at your doorstep, you'd never want (or need) to leave these hotels.

ST. REGIS MEXICO CITY

With Yabu Pushelberg interiors, a Jean-Georges Vongerichten restaurant, and a fifteenth-floor spa high above the city's din, the property has plenty to offer beyond its excellent location near Chapultepec Park, known for its running paths and plethora of museums (stregishotelmexicocity.com; from $450).

HOTEL CARLOTA

Near downtown, the Carlota has an excellent lobby restaurant that serves largely organic dishes to visitors *and* locals. The 36 guest rooms come with Danish Modern–inspired chairs for lounging (ten also have private terraces), and there's a lap pool and a comfortable library (hotelcarlota.com; from $200).

DOWNTOWN MEXICO

Grupo Habita's newest D.F. hotel occupies a seventeenth-century mansion that's been updated with a rooftop bar and pool. Paul Roco lamps and original details like the enormous studded wooden doors somehow look like they've always belonged together. There's also a cluster of hip in-house shops—don't miss the gold jewelry at Oro de Monte Albán (downtownmexico.com; from $180).



THE ULTIMATE ART WALK (IN JUST HALF A DAY)

Start with an appointment-only tour of **Casa Luis Barragan,** the artist's home/studio next to the San Miguel Chapultepec neighborhood (casaluisbarragan.org). Across the street, **Labor** presents up-and-coming conceptual art (labor.org.mx). It's a short walk east to **Kurimanzutto** for some Gabriel Orozco (kurimanzutto.com), then go three blocks north to see a mix of old and new at **Galeria de Arte Mexicano** (galeriadearte mexicano.com).

Get Your Culture On

These institutions have turned the city into a global hub for contemporary art and design.

MUSEO FRANZ MAYER

Set in a former hospital in the historic center, the sixteenth-century building alone merits a visit, as does the permanent collection of decorative arts like seventeenth-century Talavera pottery from Puebla and colonial liturgical silver (franzmayer.org.mx).

MUSEO JUMEX

Once displayed in a juice factory on the outskirts of town, the Colección Júmex—the largest private art collection in Latin America—includes works by Cy Twombly and Pedro Reyes and is now housed in a stunning David Chipperfield–designed building (fundacionjumex.com).

MUSEO TAMAYO

The city's public contemporary art museum, located near the famed National Museum of Anthropology in Chapultepec Park, hosts of-the-moment international exhibitions of artists like Sophie Calle and Yayoi Kusama (museotamayo.org).

MUSEO UNIVERSITARIO ARTE CONTEMPORÁNEO

This light-filled space on the National Autonomous University of Mexico's campus has rotating shows and a killer gift shop with one-of-a-kind jewelry and housewares made by local designers (muac.unam.mx).

The Museo Tamayo, in Chapultepec Park.



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Clockwise from top left: The private dining room at cutting-edge Biko; high ceilings and natural light at Rosetta; smoked marlin, fennel, pomegranate, and purslane in *salsa verde* at Quintonil; shades of Santorini at chef Gabriela Cámara's airy Contramar.

After You've Tried the Street Food

Tacos and tortas are ubiquitous—and delicious—but for a representative taste of today's Mexico, head for the high end, where esoteric ingredients and modern applications combine to heady effect.

BIKO

One avant-garde restaurant, three chefs: Spaniards Gerard Bellver and Bruno Oteiza and Frenchman Mikel Alonso join forces—and the culinary techniques of the Basque country and Mexico—at their excellent minimalist Polanco dining room (biko.com.mx).

PUJOL

Because it's one of the country's best restaurants (and because there are only 13 tables here), you'll need to book as soon as you lock in your flight. Chef Enrique Olvera—who recently opened his first stateside restaurant, Cosme, in New York City—pays homage to indigenous Mexican cuisine but nods to French techniques in inventive and delicious dishes like the octopus ink tostada or the poached egg–stuffed tortillas with a grasshopper sauce (pujol.com.mx).

QUINTONIL

Pujol alum Jorge Vallejo creates off-kilter versions of Mexican classics—amaranth tamales; duck in *recado negro,* a charred chili sauce—with ingredients sourced from small local producers (quintonil.com).

ROSETTA

Chef Elena Reygadas's seasonal dishes blend Italian and Mexican flavors, and the house-made pastas are standouts at this restaurant set in a Colonia Roma town house. Trust us when we say the reds from Baja are worth finding on this deep wine list (rosetta.com.mx).



Eat Like a Local: Chef Gabriela Cámara

Her gorgeous restaurants Contramar and Merotoro are constantly jammed with locals and visitors mingling over four-hour, mezcal-soaked lunches. Her first U.S. restaurant, Cala, opened this summer in San Francisco. Here's where she takes out-of-towners in Mexico City.

CAFÉ PASSMAR

"Their excellent coffee is sourced mostly from the state of Guerrero. Inside the huge Mercado Lázaro Cárdenas in Colonia del Valle, they have one of the most sophisticated roasting operations in the city" (cafepassmar.com).

LA BARRACA VALENCIANA

"A *torta* and tapas place, they were originally in Coyoacán, but now they've expanded to a stand in Mercado Roma, too. The squid sandwich is particularly good" (labarracavalenciana.com).

LALO AND MÁXIMO BISTROT LOCAL

"Lalo is a new breakfast and coffee place, ideal for a hearty brunch, while Máximo, with a market-driven menu, is a classic among the new-wave Mexican restaurants and good for lunch or dinner. Both are by chef Eduardo García" (eat-lalo.com; maximobistrot.com.mx).

TACOS HOLA

"It's been reviewed by everyone from Rick Bayless to vegan bloggers, but they're still my favorite *tacos de guisado* in the city" (Amsterdam 135, Hipódromo Condesa).



The Quick-Hit Guide to the Best of Polanco

Maggie Galton, left, and Maria Hagerman, owners of the stylish housewares boutique Onora, on how they'd spend a day enjoying the best of their leafy neighborhood just north of Chapultepec Park.

MORNING MARKET

"On Saturdays, we walk the *tianguis* (market) in **Parque Lincoln,** snacking on fresh quesadillas."

COFFEE

"The Japanese bakery **Bimmy** serves coffee, croissants, and more exotic things, like curry-filled doughnuts" (bimmymexico.com).

GIFTS AND JEWELRY

"**Anatole 13** is a collective boutique that has jewelry, ceramics, and furniture, all by contemporary Mexican designers" (anatole13.net).

LUNCH

"**Agua y Sal** does excellent ceviche. Our favorite is La Verde, with red snapper, cilantro, corn, and serrano chilies" (aguaysal.com.mx).

FASHION

"The women's clothing at **Yakampot** takes inspiration from traditional Mexican styles, using embroidery, weaving, and brocades with modern twists" (yakampot.com).

COCKTAIL HOUR

"A small, informal restaurant on the edge of Parque Lincoln, **Jaleo** is great for a little tapas with wine or beer. There's also terrific people watching" (jaleo.mx).



DON'T

It's a bad idea to travel by car, taxi, or Uber during rush hour (9–11 A.M. and 5–7 P.M.).



DO

Hop an Ecobici from the local bike-sharing program instead (ecobici.df.gob.mx).

What to Bring Back

You could fill an extra suitcase with found-only-here souvenirs from these highly curated shops.

ACENTO

Mexican wine? They've got the good stuff here, plus local cheeses, olive oils, and charcuterie. And be sure to find the fragrant soaps made with Baja California lavender (acento-mexico.com).

GALERÍA MEXICANA DE DISEÑO

Founded in 1991, this Polanco showroom—a sort of MoMA store of Mexico City—is a one-stop introduction to contemporary Mexican design, with eco-friendly plywood furniture by Emilano Godoy, minimalist kitchenware from Ruralista, and pendant lamps from Ad Hoc (gmdd.co).

TARDÁN

Locals still buy traditional panama hats and broad-brimmed felt sombreros at this old-school institution that's been making them by hand for more than 170 years (tardan.com.mx).

TIENDA MUSEO DE ARTE POPULAR

At the Folk Art Museum shops (one downtown, one in Polanco), you'll find gallery-grade handmade crafts: traditional textiles in a riot of color schemes, beaded Huichol bracelets, ceramics, paintings, figurines, and clay sculptures. If you hit only one shop for gifts to take home, this should be it (map.df.gob.mx).

Inside the Galería Mexicana de Diseño.



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Double Take

David Ebershoff traveled to Denmark to uncover the story of transgender pioneer Lili Elbe for his first novel, *The Danish Girl*. Tracing her footsteps along Copenhagen's brick-lined streets and canals, he found a city uncannily suited for time travel.

IT'S A COLD AFTERNOON in March, and I'm in the courtyard of Copenhagen's Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts. Housed inside Charlottenborg Palace, a grand brick residence built in the seventeenth century for King Frederick III's illegitimate son, the academy looks much as it did back then, except that today film equipment is everywhere: cables crisscrossing cobblestones, lights hoisted on cranes, bags full of props, and containers holding whatever might be needed on the fly—tape, batteries, cleaning fluid. There are signs reading NO FOOD OR DRINK BEYOND THIS POINT, as well as a movie slate that announces, to my wonderment, THE DANISH GIRL. A video monitor frames a face that the world will eventually recognize—Eddie Redmayne as Lili Elbe, who in the early 1930s became one of the first people in history to undergo what we now call gender affirmation surgery.

In this scene, Lili and her wife, Gerda, are arriving at an artists' ball. This is the first time Lili has dared to venture out in public as herself. She wears a blue-and-black dress flecked with beads; her chin-length ginger wig both disguises and reveals her identity. She is nervous and excited, frightened and determined—the emotions we all feel when embarking on something momentous. Gerda, played by Alicia Vikander, assures Lili that she looks beautiful, then escorts her into a future neither can fully comprehend. Redmayne and Vikander perform the exchange over and over, as the bitter Danish sky turns from blue to gray to orange to black.

Top: Gerda Wegener and her husband Einar, who would become Lili Elbe, in front of one of Gerda's paintings depicting herself and Lili.

I had stood in this courtyard once before, in 1997, when I was working on what would become my first book. At the time, I had nothing more than a Word file of notes, half scenes, and a working title: *The Danish Girl*. I told my boss that I was taking a two-week vacation in Denmark. When he asked why there, I said I was looking for a friend. In fact, I was looking for Lili, whose remarkable courage to be herself when there were almost no examples of what that might mean had inspired me. Lili was a transgender pioneer, but after her death in 1931, history had mostly overlooked her.

I didn't know exactly what I was searching for on that first trip. At the old Royal Library, in a reading room lit by lamps with green glass shades, I looked for Lili's obituary in *Politiken*.

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Under the frescoed ceilings of the Radhus, Copenhagen's city hall, I looked for the paperwork, issued by King Christian X, that officially recognized her new identity. At the Royal Academy—where Lili, when she lived as Einar Wegener, studied painting and met Gerda, also a painter—I looked for the oil landscapes that would make Einar's name famous in artistic circles. I walked the academy's oak floors and turned the cold doorknobs, peering into classrooms and studios. I wanted to stand where Lili and Gerda had stood, to see how the western light filtered through the windows where they had become artists and fallen in love. I wanted to understand how their love had endured, especially in a time vastly different from our own—and to understand something, you have to go back to its origin.

The soles of the best writers, a professor once told me, are worn down to holes. This is an incomplete measure, but the image of a writer grinding his or her shoes against curbs and cobblestones stuck with me. The story is always out there, the details around the corner or down the alley. During that first trip to Copenhagen, I searched for Lili wherever her shadow might have passed. I thought Copenhagen might throw back some reflection of her in its whitewashed facades, its bricks and canals, its green copper spires and golden weather vanes. Isn't this, after all, why we make any kind of journey? Not only to visit the castle or the cathedral but to remind ourselves that the lives of those now gone were as vivid to them as ours are to us.

I looked for Lili along Nyhavn Canal, where fishmongers once handed their mackerel and herring over to women with scaling knives and raw, red hands. I searched for her at the Royal Danish Theater, where Lili and Gerda had watched the ballerinas dance. I peered into the paintings of the nineteenth-century master Vilhelm Hammershøi, who rendered quiet scenes of melancholy and longing—a man in an empty room with a book, a woman in a black dress at a window—in a classically Scandinavian palette of grays, gray-blues, and muted whites. In those colors I discovered a tone for Lili's story: subtle, beautiful, roiling with emotion just beneath. I pursued her along the gravel paths of Kongens Have, where she might have gone for afternoon strolls. I thought I caught her reflection in the windows of the Magasin du Nord, where slender, headless mannequins displayed autumn furs. By looking indirectly—at the shape of a woman's shadow cast on a park path, for example—I began to see Lili as more than a historical figure.

We are born, we live, we disappear. One of the chilling aspects of history is the swiftness with which it carries us into oblivion. Yet there are always traces, and as I shadowed Lili, some parts of her returned. While studying one of Gerda's portraits of her—Lili, with a green feather fan, looking over her shoulder—I began to perceive her complexity: her vitality, her wit, her will. In my notebook, I carried a quote from the Irish novelist William Trevor: "Like all children, I led a double life." This resonated with me—the idea that we all struggle to reconcile our inner and outer selves, and until we do, there is no peace. The untangling of that internal knot always makes a good story, in life and on the page. I would return to Copenhagen three more times, finishing a fictional portrait that blends Lili's actual story with my own imagination and, I hope, empathy.

The Danish Girl was published in 2000. Then it, too, would disappear, as most books do. It fell out of print almost everywhere. I wrote other books and, as an editor, worked on dozens more. Yet always, Lili stayed with me. Every few years I would reread a few paragraphs from the book, recognizing both the passage and the effort it took to write it, while simultaneously feeling as if I were discovering it for the first time. This is a refreshing but also shocking experience. I could understand if the book fell from the memory of others, but what chance do any of us have if we can't remember our own labor and ideas?

History devours, but at times it resurrects. Some lives must wait for history to catch up. Lili Elbe was both of her time and ahead of it. Which explains, in part, how I returned to Copenhagen last March to visit the set of Tom Hooper's *The Danish Girl*. All those years ago I'd searched for Lili, and now here she was, back at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, defying history. More than 100 people were working that afternoon to tell her story: the crew in their parkas, walkie-talkieing back and forth; the costume designer with his long gray beard, inspecting his plum velvet capes; the extras in tuxedos and ball gowns, shivering beneath blankets; the director in his hoodie, pondering another take; the movement coach, watching her pupil soften his gait; the actor, calling upon all of his talents to embody this remarkable woman. And off to the side, the writer with his notebook, observing a scene he never could have imagined when he first arrived in Copenhagen to search history for a friend. ◆


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The World-Class Hotels Where the More You Spend the Better You Feel

Sure, hotels today nod to giving back all the time. (Save water—reuse bath towels!) But in the last decade, a handful of properties have begun earmarking the profits of luxury travel to fund major philanthropic projects. And in an interesting twist, nonprofits are even opening hotels to support their charitable missions. By 2017, the Swedish arts nonprofit Wanås Foundation will open its estate grounds to a 14-room hotel; soon after, a Four Seasons will open in the Dominican Republic's El Seibo Province to boost the education and environmental initiatives of the sustainable tourism outfit Fundación Tropicalia. Until then, here are five best-in-class hotels you can book that are doing impressively high-impact work right now.

	Singita Pamushana Lodge	Lapa Rios Eco Lodge	Cicada Lodge	Rockhouse Hotel	Nihiwatu
THE HOTEL	 A seven-suite ultra-luxe property in southeast Zimbabwe's private Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve.	 A 1,000-acre jungle reserve on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, with 17 light-on-the-land pavilions.	 The indigenous Jawoyn people's 18-room outdoor-adventure getaway in Australia's Nitmiluk National Park.	 A barefoot-chic Jamaican haven whose 34 thatched-roof bungalows, Caribbean restaurants, and spa sit on a seaside cliff in Negril.	 A 33-villa beachfront resort on Sumba, an Indonesian island that's a 50-minute flight southeast of Bali and has a wicked surf break.
THE MISSION	Environmental protection.	Rain forest conservation.	Community development.	Local education.	Public health.
THE METHOD	To revitalize the 130,000-acre reserve's hugely vulnerable ecology and biodiversity, the Singita lodge—since 2006, the ecotourism arm of the Malilangwe Trust—funnels all profits to initiatives like the reintroduction of threatened species, including rare white and black rhinos.	For more than 20 years, Lapa has gone to great lengths to preserve the surrounding lowland tropical rain forest and the 319 species of birds that live there. Efforts include reforestation, reporting illegal logging, restricting unguided access, and refusing to cut live trees for construction.	To create jobs and economic growth for this long-marginalized population, Nitmiluk Tours, which manages the Cicada, returns all profits to the local Jawoyn Association, hires the group's members, and runs youth training programs in tourism and hospitality.	The Rockhouse Foundation, which the hotel's owners launched in 2004, has gut-renovated and modernized five Negril schools, adding everything from toilets to tech. They've also hired early-childhood experts and donated 5,000 books to the local public library.	To reduce cases of malaria on West Sumba, the hotel-funded Sumba Foundation distributes mosquito nets (more than 9,000 so far) and trains local health-care workers to identify and treat the disease.
THE IMPACT	**43** rhinos brought to the reserve.	**25,000** native *suita* palms planted.	**26** indigenous people employed.	**450** new students enrolled, a 69 percent increase.	**20,000** malaria patients tested and treated.

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Our group at &Beyond's Serengeti Under Canvas camp, where dinners are often served alfresco.

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The Experience Makers -2015-

Sometimes even the well-traveled call on the pros for help—editor in chief **Pilar Guzmán**'s expertly crafted East African safari is proof of the power of a great travel specialist. Whether your dream trip involves horseback riding in Argentina or the best *kaiseki* in Kyoto, these are the experience makers we trust to put together the perfect journey.

'Willem," our guide Matthew Laizer at the Singita Grumeti game reserve whispered, while closing his hand as if to pull taffy. My eight-year-old son responded instantly by sitting down and quieting his twitchy limbs. We had discovered early in our nine-day journey from the Serengeti Plains in Tanzania to the Maasai Mara in Kenya that a guide gauges an animal's receptivity to close observation through near imperceptible clues—a depression in the grass, a confrontational gaze. And with much the same acuity, we had begun to decode the nuances of our guide's expression, pace, and hand gestures. ¶ "I didn't like the way he was looking at Willem," Laizer explained. Willem had stood up suddenly to take a photo, catching a young male lion's attention—and, it seems, disrupting an unspoken covenant of safari protocol. In the days before, we had come close enough to touch prides of 14 and 20 lions varying in age, gender, and state of hunger throughout Singita's pristine 350,000-acre concession without inciting even the flick of an ear. This particular "teen," according to Laizer, might have mistaken Willem for a baby wildebeest. "I feel this lion has a bit of an attitude," he said matter-of-factly. "Even the lioness in the same pride doesn't trust him with her littlest cubs. See how she keeps turning around?" The animals, accustomed to being observed, view the vehicle and its passengers as a single entity. Once humans exceed its fragile perimeter, they, like any other moving mammal, become recognizable as prey. (Not surprisingly, when I looked back at Willem, he had moved to the center seat, where he would sit on his hands for the remainder of the drive.) ¶ We had arranged to go on safari with another family over our sons' spring break. I wish I could say that I had planned the entire itinerary by trolling blogs and social feeds and cobbling together tidbits from my most well-traveled friends, as I have for so many other trips in my life. Or that it was easy for me to



relinquish control to an expert. But the truth is, there are some trips that we simply can't—or shouldn't—plan on our own, and a safari is one of them. Especially with an eight-year-old in tow. Thankfully, Cherri Briggs of Explore has relationships with local operators and governments and deep knowledge of this part of East Africa. She made our nine-day, two-country, five-lodge, three-charter-flight adventure not only possible but seamless. (The only thing she blanched at was that our vacation wasn't longer.) Briggs was one of the few people I spoke with who didn't think eight was too young for this kind of trip.

There are obvious reasons for taking your child to East Africa (total nature immersion; exposure to a wildly different culture), but it is the unscripted life lessons that linger. Feeling the sting of insignificance—rare in this age of narcissism—while observing the migration of 1.5 million wildebeests. Digesting the necessary cruelty of the hyena kill. Making sense of the near inconsolable sadness you feel after spending a carefree afternoon playing soccer with kids your own age in a local school, and realizing that most of them were running around shoeless. Instilling unteachable virtues, such as patience, that aren't really a choice but rather the price of admission for this level of proximity to wild animals. Up before dawn and still roaming after dark, we logged 12 hours a day in trucks, at times waiting long stretches for a mother cheetah to signal to her two cubs that the coast was clear and that it was safe for them to eat. Rather than fill the void with social media's continuous self-reference, children and adults alike sat still without the repeat validation of the smartphone swipe.

At &Beyond's Serengeti Under Canvas, a dreamy semi-permanent tented camp in Serengeti National Park that moves with the migratory herds, we were lucky enough to spend our first two days with an expert wildlife guide, Anthony Kivuyo, and the company's regional director, Niall Anderson. Both are passionate birders, and showed us how to track and identify birds with names like blacksmith lapwing and yellow-throated sandgrouse, and in so doing helped deemphasize the primacy of the Big Five. I came to feel that a great guide is like the coach who convinces your kid that defense is as important as offense, that it's not just about the big cats but about the hundreds of plumed species which require careful observation. (My son, months after our trip, still draws pictures of the secretary bird and the superb starling alongside an elephant, and all, I might add, at the same scale.)

Clockwise from left: Willem and a friend bird-watching near &Beyond's Serengeti Under Canvas camp; spotting cheetahs on a game drive; dining in the shade of an acacia tree.

But it's the four-inch keloid scar on the back of our guide Laizer's neck that Willem still tells his friends about. A Maasai warrior turned guide and conservationist, Laizer filled some of the wait time (we watched a young bumbling male cheetah, still under his mother's tutelage, try to track a Thomson's gazelle) with the details of his life. In this case, he described a botched lion slaying when he was 15, at the time a boy's rite of passage in the Maasai tradition, as well as his ongoing campaign to help educate the girls in his community and protect them against genital mutilation. Laizer's dual citizenship within Western and Maasai cultures, a constant wrestling







between modernity and tradition, was fodder for much discussion. Once, returning home after a long stretch at Singita, he was physically—and embarrassingly—unable to swallow his father's traditional cow's blood offering. My son still asks me, "How many days does it take Matthew to get to his village from Singita?" Three. Almost a full day on a bus, followed by two days on foot, traversing the wild so he can visit with relatives along the way.

On our last night, as I lay awake in the dark with my son in our airy canvas tent at Mara Plains Camp, sited on a densely forested bend in a river in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, I thought about all we'd packed into just over a week, thanks in no small part to easy plane transfers and expert planning. With grunting hippos and hissing cats providing a sound track by turns lulling and haunting, I realized that true adventure lies in that butterfly-bellied dream state where beauty and just-outside-your-comfort-zone fear intersect. ◆

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EAST AFRICA
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William Jones
Journeys by Design
His adventure trips take in Africa's extreme corners, like Ethiopia and northern Kenya.

Ian Proctor
Ultimate Africa Safaris
Proctor spends three months a year reviewing safari camps around Africa to make sure they're up to snuff for clients.

Nina Wennersten and Daniel Saperstein
Hippo Creek Safaris
This family company tailors trips to specific interests, with private feedings in animal orphanages and stargazing at remote bush camps.

FAMILY SAFARIS
Cherri Briggs
Explore
Part explorer, part family shrink, Briggs spends half the year researching camps across the continent to determine which are best for families and just grownups.

Ryan Hilton
AuthentEscapes
This former safari guide sniffs out family-friendly lodges and kids-only game drives across Africa.

SOUTHERN AFRICA
Julian Harrison
Premier Tours
An expert in game movement, Harrison knows which times of year are best for maximizing wildlife spotting opportunities.

Mark Nolting
Africa Adventure Company
Nolting has literally written the book on the optimal times of year to see the Great Serengeti migration in Tanzania: His game guide is now in its sixth edition.

Phoebe B. Weinberg
Greatways Travel
Weinberg not only knows the safari camp to go to but the exact room to book.

TUNISIA
Jerry Sorkin
TunisUSA
Has 20-plus years of North Africa experience, closely tracks the security situation, and connects guests to leading diplomats, politicos, and academics.

Asia

BURMA
Tyler Dillon
Butterfield & Robinson
Dillon gets travelers beyond the typical tourist sites to places like Pyathatgyi Temple and Kuthodaw Pagoda.

CENTRAL ASIA
Jonny Bealby
Wild Frontiers
Can arrange yurt sleepovers in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and trips to see dinosaur footprints in Turkmenistan.

Zulya Rajabova
Silk Road Treasure Tours
An Uzbek native, she can arrange overnights with nomadic families, knows which local festivals are worth a visit, and has a network of excellent guides.

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–DISNEY SPECIALIST SUSAN KELLY

CHINA
David Allardice
Eastern Journeys
Plans visits to major cities and to emerging regions like Shanxi and Yunnan.

Gerald Hatherly
Abercrombie & Kent
With a particular expertise in Chinese art/archaeology, he can gain access to private collections across China.

Mei Zhang
WildChina
Unique-access tours through her homeland have included champagne picnics on the Great Wall and dinners with artist Ai Weiwei at his home.

HIMALAYAS
Sanjay Saxena
Destination Himalaya
This former mountain guide designs action-packed trekking itineraries through India, Nepal, and Tibet and also plans trips to Sri Lanka.

INDIA
Lucy Davison
Banyan Tours
With eight offices across India, she crafts experiences that less-connected agents can't, like a private dinner in a royal palace.

BEST RESTAURANT IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND? **ROOTS.** *–Donna Thomas*

SAFARI EXPERT LINDA FRIEDMAN EXPLAINS . . .

How to Work with a Travel Specialist

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Bertie and Victoria Dyer
India Beat
Jaipur residents, the Dyers arrange swims with an elephant in the Andaman Sea one day, private jet tours to remote corners of India like Jaisalmer the next.

INDONESIA
Diane Embree
Michael's Travel Center
Custom trips to Bali have included private art tours and visits with a local *dukun* (folk healer).

JAPAN
Nancy Craft
Esprit Travel & Tours
Organizes lunch with a geisha or last-minute tickets to Kyoto's Katsura Imperial Villa in cherry blossom time.

Duff Trimble
Wabi-Sabi Japan
Trimble counts a fourteenth-generation sake maker and Kyoto artisans among his impressive connections.

MALDIVES
Lindsey Wallace
Linara Travel
A pro when it comes to over-the-top experiences at resorts across the Indian Ocean region, he also sends clients to Mauritius, the Seychelles, and the United Arab Emirates.

NEPAL
Antonia Neubauer
Myths and Mountains
Plans custom trips focusing on culture, religion, and the environment and knows which parts of the country are tourist-ready after the April earthquakes.

PHILIPPINES
Lorenzo Urra
Global Nomad
Can arrange picnics on private islands throughout the archipelago and off-roading on volcanoes.

SOUTHEAST ASIA
G. W. "Sandy" Ferguson
Asia Desk, Ltd.
Arranges cooking classes and monk-led meditation sessions, and books the best suites at the region's top hotels.

Catherine Heald
Remote Lands
Taps her local network to take travelers beyond the typical destinations, to Bhutan's Himalayan towns and Burma's tribal villages.

Andrea Ross
Journeys Within Tour Company
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EGYPT
James R. Berkeley
Destinations & Adventures International
Opens doors at normally off-limits tombs and arranges dinners inside sites like the Luxor Temple.



"I once tracked down a piano for a client staying at the Gili Lankanfushi resort in the Maldives—then had it shipped in from Sri Lanka."
–MALDIVES EXPERT LINDSEY WALLACE

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Rami Girgis
Abercrombie & Kent
A native Egyptian, Girgis arranges luxe Nile cruises and gets travelers into normally closed temples.

ISRAEL
Susan Weissberg
Wyllys Professional Travel
Custom tours are packed with historical and cultural hits—Caesarea Maritima, Jerusalem's Temple Mount—as well as perks like hotel room upgrades.

Joseph Yudin
Touring Israel
Up on Tel Aviv's best restaurants and books hot-air-balloon flights over the Jezreel Valley.

OMAN
Sean Nelson
Hud Hud Travels
Specializes in private camps and luxury lodges in Oman's remote stretches where birding, dune bashing, and stargazing are among the many draws.

Latin and South America

ARGENTINA
Maita Barrenechea
Mai10
Barrenechea has access to estancias and private villas not listed on any booking site and can organize adventure trips to the Andes and Patagonia.

ARGENTINA AND CHILE
Jordan Harvey
Knowmad Adventures
Customizes trips to Patagonia's most far-flung corners, like the Perito Moreno Glacier.

BOLIVIA AND PERU
Marisol Mosquera
Aracari Travel Consulting
Introduces her travelers to local chefs and artists, and connects clients with the very best Machu Picchu guides.

BRAZIL
Martin Frankenberg
Matueté
His firm has private villas across Brazil, access to luxury yachts on the Amazon, and in-the-know guides in cities like Rio and São Paulo.

Paul Irvine
Dehouche
Rio based, he knows the city's top tables and the best guides in Brasília, including a contemporary of Oscar Niemeyer's who leads architectural tours.

Jill Siegel
South American Escapes
Can nab sizable hotel discounts and connect clients with local luminaries like director Bruno Barreto.

CHILE
Brian Pearson
Upscape
Creates luxury adventure trips in Chile, from San Pedro de Atacama to Patagonia, and is well connected in Argentina and Uruguay.

COSTA RICA
Irene and Richard Edwards
GreenSpot.travel
This couple can arrange immersive experiences like tortilla making and visits to indigenous communities.

Michael S. Kaye
Costa Rica Expeditions
Trips often include perks like the opportunity to watch turtles nest on a deserted beach.

ECUADOR AND THE GALÁPAGOS
Eric Sheets
Latin Excursions
His trips to the Galápagos often take in lesser-seen islands where you can swim with sea lions.

THE GALÁPAGOS
Allie Almario
Myths and Mountains
Organizes candlelit dinners on a volcanic hillside and (legal) fishing trips for wahoo and tuna led by local fishermen.

Tom Damon
Southwind Adventures
Specializes in multi-destination itineraries, combining the islands with other hot spots like Machu Picchu or Patagonia.

NICARAGUA
Pierre Gedeon
Nicaragua Adventures
Gedeon's high-end trips include boat trips to private islands on Lake Nicaragua.

URUGUAY
Paola Perelli
Lares Uruguay
Arranges excursions from horseback riding to surfing, knows the best hotels in José Ignacio, and can set up wine-tastings at leading vineyards.

Australia/Pacific

AUSTRALIA
Amanda Fisher
Alquemie
Custom trips have featured dinner served inside an opal mine and wine tours by helicopter.

Drew Kluska
The Tailor
Kluska's off-the-beaten-path tours include stays at Outback ranches and fishing expeditions on the Great Barrier Reef.

BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN QUITO, ECUADOR? **CASA GANGOTENA.** *–Allie Almario*

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Stuart Rigg
Southern Crossings
Sydney-based Rigg organizes activities like private surf lessons and nature tours with one of Darwin's descendants.

FIJI
Lynette Wilson
Destination World
The go-to pro in the 330-isle archipelago, she also runs trips to New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Australia.

NEW ZEALAND
Jean-Michel Jefferson
Ahipara Luxury Travel
Clients have explored Mount Aspiring National Park by helicopter and hunted elk on the South Island.

Donna Thomas
New Zealand Travel
Can nab the best luxury lodges in the countryside and suggest little-known hiking and biking trails.

Trevor Thomas
Southern Crossings
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SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS
Kleon Howe
The Art of Travel
Gets travelers up close to French Polynesia's Heiva dance and sports festival and can book a traditional tattooing session.

Europe

AUSTRIA
Ellison Poe
Poe Travel
Arranges experiences like a private performance by the Vienna Boys Choir or your very own cab on the famed Riesenrad (Ferris wheel), Vienna's oldest.

BULGARIA
Alex Datsev
Exeter International
Designs high-end trips to the stunning medieval castles of his home country and also knows Montenegro, Romania, and Slovenia.

CENTRAL EUROPE
Gwen Kozlowski
Exeter International
Her trips to Austria, the Czech Republic, and Hungary include private access to gems like Prague's Strahov Library.

CROATIA
Wanda S. Radetti
Tasteful Croatian Journeys
Arranges meetings with local chefs and behind-the-scenes access to Easter festivals; also specializes in itineraries along the Dalmatian Coast.

ENGLAND
Jane McCrum
In Any Event Tours
London-based McCrum can open doors to private Georgian manors and get great seats for Wimbledon.

FRANCE
Anthony Bay
Anthony Bay's Europe
This onetime British diplomat introduces clients to fascinating artists and vintners across Provence.

Pascale Bernasse
French Wine Explorers
Her wine region tours include visits with top chefs and overnights at châteaux.

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND
Bob Preston
Panache Voyage
Sets up restaurant crawls with France's top food critics and connects visitors with leading Swiss watchmakers.

GERMANY
Marion Harbison
Brownell Travel
She arranges behind-the-scenes access to medieval sites like Wartburg Castle and Marienberg Fortress.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
Nicola Butler
NoteWorthy
Embellishes trips to her native U.K. with Royal Ascot tickets and private tours of Churchill's War Rooms.

GREECE
Ronnie Liadis
Liadis Travel
All-access trips include wine tours and entry to off-limits areas of ancient sites like Santorini's Akrotiri.

Leftheris Pagageorgiou
Hellenic Adventures
An expert on both the mainland and the islands, he also specializes in helping Greek-Americans trace their roots.

Christos Stergiou
TrueGreece
Arranges private-yacht trips to untrammeled islands and knows under-the-radar spots in the most popular cities.

ICELAND
Chris Gordon
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Focuses on the extreme adventures—golfing on volcanoes, seeing the Northern Lights from a geothermal hot spring—Iceland is known for.

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Geraldine Murtagh
Elegant Ireland
Taps into a huge network of expert guides versed in everything from art and poetry to handicrafts and horticulture.

Kathleen Sheridan
Altour
Sheridan's top-notch on-the-ground contacts can open the doors of a private castle and introduce you to local chefs and musicians.

ITALY
Brian Dore and Maria Gabriella Landers
Concierge in Umbria
This American duo craft intimate experiences such as private *cicchetti* tastings in Venice and cooking classes in a villa near Assisi.

Andrea Grisdale
IC Bellagio
Coordinates what she calls "non-Google-able" experiences like private fashion shows and concerts inside the Vatican.

Adamarie King
Connoisseur's Travel
Connects clients with prominent artists, writers, and chefs—with a particular expertise in Sicily.

THE NETHERLANDS
Harmina Mulder
The Travel Society
Holland-born Mulder can snag sizable discounts at luxe hotels and connect travelers with top guides for canal tours on turn-of-the-century saloon boats.

NORWAY
Jan Sortland
Norwegian Adventures
Custom trips focus on adventure travel: sailing the fjords and meeting with native Sami people.

PORTUGAL
Nuno Tavares
Tours for You
Perks on Tavares's trips include tea with nobility and sunset sails on chartered yachts.

PORTUGAL AND SPAIN
Joel Zack
Heritage Tours
Private Travel
Connects travelers with interesting locals like flamenco dancers, star chefs, and globally recognized architects. He also runs trips to Morocco.

RUSSIA
Greg Tepper
Exeter International
Tepper's connections can get Russophiles exclusive Kremlin tours and meetings with ex-KGB members.

SCOTLAND
Jonathan and Preston Epstein
Celebrated Experiences
A father-son duo, they have the best access to the country's top hotels, covetable tee times, and private tastings at top distilleries.

David Tobin
Dream Escape
Specializes in multi-generational itineraries that include distillery tours for adults and Harry Potter–themed activities for kids.

SPAIN
Virginia Irurita
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Madrid-based Irurita tailors trips to specific interests, from paella-making techniques to the buildings of Gaudí.

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SWITZERLAND
Jack Shaw
Epic Europe
Uses his on-the-mountain contacts to customize trips for adventurers, everything from snowshoeing treks to heli-skiing to eau-de-vie tastings.

TURKEY
Karen Fedorko Sefer
Sea Song Tours
With offices in the country and a deep network at the tourism ministry, she knows the best *gulets* sailing the coast and the top new hotels, like the St. Regis Istanbul, near the Bosphorus.

Earl Starkey
Sophisticated Travel
Istanbul-based Starkey has arranged luxury, cultural, and archaeological trips throughout the country for more than 40 years.

North America

ALASKA
Michelle Glass
Entrée Alaska
Luxury trips include ice-cave exploration, baby moose feedings, and rafting in Denali National Park.

BERMUDA
Vicky McGlynn
Travelong of Summit
Can score excellent rates on some of the best hotels across the island like Rosewood Tucker's Point.

CALIFORNIA
Jay Johnson
Coastline Travel
Arranges personalized services like private guides at Disneyland and entry to exclusive L.A. nightclubs.

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY
Jackie Richmond
Wine Country Concierge
Has access to top vineyards in Napa and Sonoma counties otherwise closed to visitors.

CANADA
Marc Télio
Entrée Canada
Specializes in adventure travel and can book lodges in remote locations, like Newfoundland's Fogo Island Inn.

HAWAII
Susan D. Tanzman
Martin's Travel and Tours
Exclusives include access to the usually off-limits island of Niihau and private tours of Honolulu's Iolani Palace.

MEXICO
Zachary Rabinor
Journey Mexico
Rabinor's guides can arrange private tours of hot spots both ancient (the pyramids at Teotihuacan) and modern (the Frida Kahlo Museum).

NEW YORK CITY
Lia Batkin
In the Know Experiences
Can secure superlative seats overlooking the Thanksgiving Day Parade route and book hard-to-get tables at top restaurants like Le Bernardin.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Sheri Doyle
Pacific Northwest Journeys
Able to find rooms at otherwise "sold-out" hotels and arrange private orca-watching trips in the San Juan Islands.

U.S. NATIONAL PARKS
Martin Behr
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Connects travelers to the top guides in more than 30 national parks, including Yellowstone and Yosemite.



"The Amber Fort in Jaipur is now open for evening visits, which is great if you're there during the hot summer months."

–INDIA EXPERT LUCY DAVISON

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SPECIALISTS

on our list say that British Airways (or its Oneworld alliance) remains their favorite airline, making it the most popular carrier among specialists.

U.S. SOUTHWEST
Caroline Bach Wood
Caroline Travel
Will arrange private dinners inside national parks and recommend leading Grand Canyon guides.

Caribbean

CUBA
Tom Popper
InsightCuba
Has been traveling to Cuba since 2000 and can hook travelers up with a Grammy-winning jazz musician, established visual artists, and some of Havana's best guides.

Adam Vaught
Absolute Travel
A frequent visitor to the island, Vaught crafts cultural, social, and gastronomical tours to the destination everyone's talking about.

MULTIPLE ISLANDS
Becky Veith
Becky Veith Travel Affiliate of Travel Experts
Veith is on call for spur-of-the-moment yacht charters or last-minute resort reservations.

Cruises

EUROPEAN BARGE CRUISES
Jill A. Jergel
Frontiers International Travel
Knows the best family- and couple-friendly vessels in France and on other European canals.

Ellen Sack
The Barge Lady
A pioneer in small-vessel canal cruises, Sack plans itineraries across Europe.

EUROPEAN RIVER SHIPS
Richard Bruce Turen
Churchill & Turen, Ltd.
Has made 137 trips (and counting) to understand firsthand the pros and cons of almost every European river cruise.

EXPEDITION SHIPS
Thomas Lennartz
Arctic Kingdom
Enhances expedition cruises with other activities like hot-air ballooning above icebergs, dogsledding, and igloo overnights.

Ashton Palmer
ExpeditionTrips
Palmer is a pro at passages, including trips to the Galápagos and Antarctica.

Jim Taylor
Polar Cruises
Knows the best vessels in the Arctic *and* the Antarctic.

LARGE SHIPS
Linda Allen
Cruises by Linda
An expert when it comes to reserving the best staterooms on any ship.

Tom Baker
CruiseCenter
Baker books most clients on large ships but also has A-list intel on smaller luxury boats.

SMALL SHIPS
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AERIN LAUDER CARRIES ON HER FAMILY'S LONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH VIENNA— A CITY KNOWN AS MUCH FOR ITS OLD-WORLD APPEAL AS FOR ITS PERSISTENT MODERNISM.

By
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On

a Saturday morning in Vienna, Aerin Lauder hardly looks like she just stepped off a red-eye from New York. Dressed in a cream silk blouse, slim pants, and knee-high brown suede boots, she's a paragon of all-American elegance—topped off by a wool cape from Vienna's oldest specialty shop for traditional clothing, Loden-Plankl. "I bought this on my last trip here," she says. "You're going to die when you see the place." Then she hesitates, looking down at her cape and flashing the keeping-it-real amiability that has made her the approachable face of her family business: "Do you hate it?"

That Lauder selected the most Dries Van Noten–like piece from a definitively old-world clothier makes sense. In the three years since she scaled back her role as creative director of the $32 billion empire founded by her grandmother Estée in 1946, Lauder has built her eponymous beauty line, Aerin, into a Palm Beach meets Hamptons lifestyle brand that extends to home decor, fashion, and accessories. Her website, with offerings like shagreen trays and raffia clutches, also serves as a personal black book, whether it's vouching for a spa in the Seychelles or an off-the-radar wine trail in Tuscany.

And though her social media feeds will make you want to be wherever Lauder checks in, with Vienna, you get the feeling that her posts are more personal. That's because the city—with its regal Hapsburg-era palaces, modernist architecture by Otto Wagner and Josef Hoffmann, and ubiquitous Gustav Klimts—is where the 45-year-old mother of two teen boys returns every couple of years. She moved here as a high school student in 1986, when her father was appointed U.S. ambassador to Austria under President Reagan. He resigned 18 months later, but the experience left a lasting impression on his daughter. "Vienna has a deep-rooted culture and a strong heritage," she says. "There's an amazing sense of style and tradition here." Lauder's favorite places—which she covers in a day and a half of walking (and carriage-hopping) along the city's boulevards and cobblestone streets—reflect a soft spot for Viennese classics, from the best Wiener schnitzel and ski sweaters to gape-inducing Baroque interiors. Her personal taste in art veers toward the contemporary—Cy Twombly and Ed Ruscha preside over her Park Avenue apartment—but she bonds with her father over his deep affinity for the Art Nouveau masters. (Lauder's father co-founded New York City's Neue Galerie; in 2006 he paid a then record-setting $135 million to acquire Klimt's *Adele Bloch-Bauer I*, a.k.a. "Woman in Gold," for its permanent collection.)

No coincidence, then, that Lauder is somewhat infatuated with Klimt. During a stop at the Secession Building—which houses an epic Klimt mural, inspired by Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* and depicting an early version of *The Kiss* and the goddess Poésie in a graphic floral sheath ("So chic!")—she acknowledges that many of her company's designs, from gold-leaf candleholders to flower-print packaging, are rooted in the artist's work. "His textures and finishes look so modern," she says.

Lauder is equally drawn to Vienna's prevailing modernist impulses—ignited on the brink of the twentieth century by a tribe of rebellious artists, including Klimt—and likes to seek out the latest clothing and design shops in burgeoning neighborhoods like the city's artsy fourth district. It's this ongoing interplay between old and new that she always finds captivating: "It's amazing to me that after all these years, it still feels exciting to visit a city with such a rich history."

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Previous page, from left: A panel from Klimt's *Beethoven Frieze* at the Secession Building; Aerin Lauder in the Liechtenstein City Palace. **This page, right:** Viennese clothier Loden-Plankl has sold classic Tyrolean-style apparel since 1830.





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HER TOP PLACE TO STAY

The **Hotel Imperial** is a "true, luxurious classic," Lauder says. Built in 1863 on the storied Ringstrasse for the Prince of Württemberg, it maintains its nineteenth-century regal pomp (silk wall coverings, crystal chandeliers) with equally obsessive service and a debauched breakfast buffet. Several of the Imperial's rooms overlook the Musikverein concert hall, home to the top-notch Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (imperialvienna.com; from $452).

HER INSTANT KLIMT FIX

The **Secession Building** is always Lauder's first stop. Created as a *Gesamtkunstwerk* ("a total work of art") in the 1890s by a group of tradition-bashing artists, it's the prototype for today's ubiquitous white-cube galleries. The spotlight stealer: the *Beethoven Frieze,* Klimt's 112-foot-wide mural inspired by Wagner's interpretation of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony.* "[Egon] Schiele can be intense," Lauder says of Austria's great Expressionist. "But I just love Klimt's landscapes and portraits" (theviennasecession.com).

BAROQUE CRASH COURSE

Belonging to the noble family that shares its name, the **Liechtenstein City Palace** is a case study in over-the-top Baroque architecture, Rococo Revival interiors, and mirrored staterooms. The grand white marble staircase leading to the ballroom is "like a gigantic wedding cake—beyond beautiful," Lauder says (palaisliechtenstein.com).

FASHION, THEN LUNCH

Zum Schwarzen Kameel ("The Black Camel"), opened in 1618, has held on to become a sceney upscale restaurant for shoppers cruising the central first district (it faces Louis Vuitton and Prada). "I used to go for





Far left: The iconic Viennese café and pastry shop Demel looks the part as the "Purveyor to the Imperial and Royal Court." **This page, from top:** Demel's chocolate ranges from "children's milk" flavor to bitter; concept store Song curates avant-garde designers.

PAGE 82: FROM GUSTAV KLIMT'S *BEETHOVEN FRIEZE* (1901–1902); 2.15 M X 34.14 M; MIXED TECHNIQUE

This page, from top: Zum Schwarzen Kameel's lunchtime crowd; the statue of Hapsburg emperor Joseph II guards the Albertina Museum. **Far right:** Lauder grabs a traditional carriage at the Spanish Riding School.





lunch with my father when we lived here," Lauder recalls. "The Wiener schnitzel covers the whole plate, but it's surprisingly light." The front café is a looser affair, packed with a lively crowd enjoying open-faced sandwiches at a deli counter and a cigarette or two—smoking is still legal indoors in the city (kameel.at).

THE NO-REGRETS SWEETSHOP

Lauder first visited Vienna's famed patisserie **Demel** with her parents. "I remember being so charmed—the smoked glass with flower etchings, the decorative tortes, the candy section," she says. The entrance is an assault of chocolate and nougat, but Lauder is partial to the punch tart, an alcohol-drenched fruitcake ("It's all about the pink icing"). Be sure to peek into the glassed-in kitchen, where toque-capped women decorate opulent layer cakes—"It's right out of Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette,*" Lauder says (demel.at).

OLD-WORLD STYLE MECCA

At **Loden-Plankl,** which has occupied its corner on the Michaelerplatz since 1830, Lauder stocks up on Tyrolean-style slippers for her home in Aspen and sweaters made from the same thick, water-resistant wool as her cape. "I still have one from about 18 years ago," she says. "They last forever" (loden-plankl.at).

TIME-TRAVEL DINNER

The **Rote Bar,** at the Hotel Sacher's legendary restaurant, is awash in scarlet, from the damask wall coverings to the velvet banquettes. "My grandmother's favorite color was red," she says, recalling the many times Estée visited during the family's stint in Vienna (she too loved a traditional carriage ride). Of course, you have to try the Sacher torte, the obscenely rich chocolate cake coated with apricot jam and dark chocolate icing, best served *mit Schlag*—with whipped cream (sacher.com/hotel-sacher-vienna).

DIRECTIONAL DESIGN SPOT

The avant-garde concept store and gallery **Song** is stocked with high-end cult labels like Vetements and A.F. Vandevorst. It's also an initiation into homegrown talent, such as Bradaric Ohmae, whose backgrounds include Balenciaga and Chloé, and the WienerBlut range of perfumes, in bottles created through a nineteenth-century glass-blowing process. "The store has an amazing edit," says Lauder. "I love how edgy it is, especially for Vienna" (song.at). **-Z.W.**





SUN-SPLASHED, LAID-BACK, A BIT ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES, THE YAEYAMA ISLANDS OF OKINAWA INVERT JAPAN'S USUAL PRECISION AND POLISH. AND DID WE MENTION THE EMPTY BEACHES?

The Flip Side of Japan



By
PICO IYER
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ADRIAN GAUT

Previous page: Stone shrines on Taketomi Island mark areas reserved for local gods; picturesque Kabira Bay, on Ishigaki Island. **Right, clockwise from top left:** A water buffalo taxi on Iriomote; traditional *shisa* figures ward off evil; Okinawan soba noodles; the rocky shoals of Ishigaki.

Within a day of arriving in the Yaeyama Islands, the southernmost pearls in Okinawa Prefecture's far-flung archipelago, I felt as if I'd landed in some kind of counter-Japan—a Starburst-colored upending of everything I thought I knew about the country I've called home for more than 25 years. Already I had been jolted, with a dozen fellow passengers,

across shallow coral waters to tiny Yubu Island in a water-buffalo taxi. On neighboring Iriomote, I'd taken a boat past lush mangrove swamps, then clambered up through a subtropical forest—birds squawking on every side, on alert for the rare island lynx—before arriving, panting, at a spot from which I could savor a mini-Niagara. Later that afternoon, a local bent down to show me grains of sand shaped like stars on deserted Hoshizuna Beach, facing the shimmering blues and greens that are Okinawa's signature.

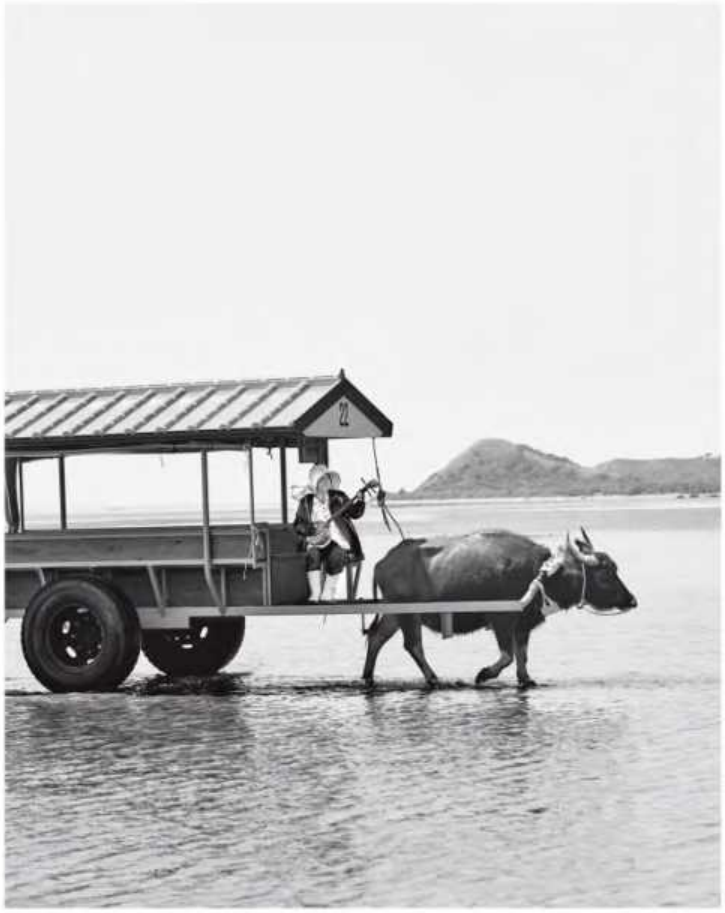
Yet the most telling reminder of just how un-Japanese these languorous islands can be occurred at a typically laid-back five-table beach café on the island of Ishigaki. The piercing strains of a *sanshin,* the three-stringed Okinawan instrument, wailed through an open window, while a party of eight elders from the mainland bustled in.

"Oh!" cried the proprietress of Café Imagine, who'd decorated the place with posters of Route 66 and didn't look as if she expected many customers. "I'm so sorry. It may take a little time. . . ."

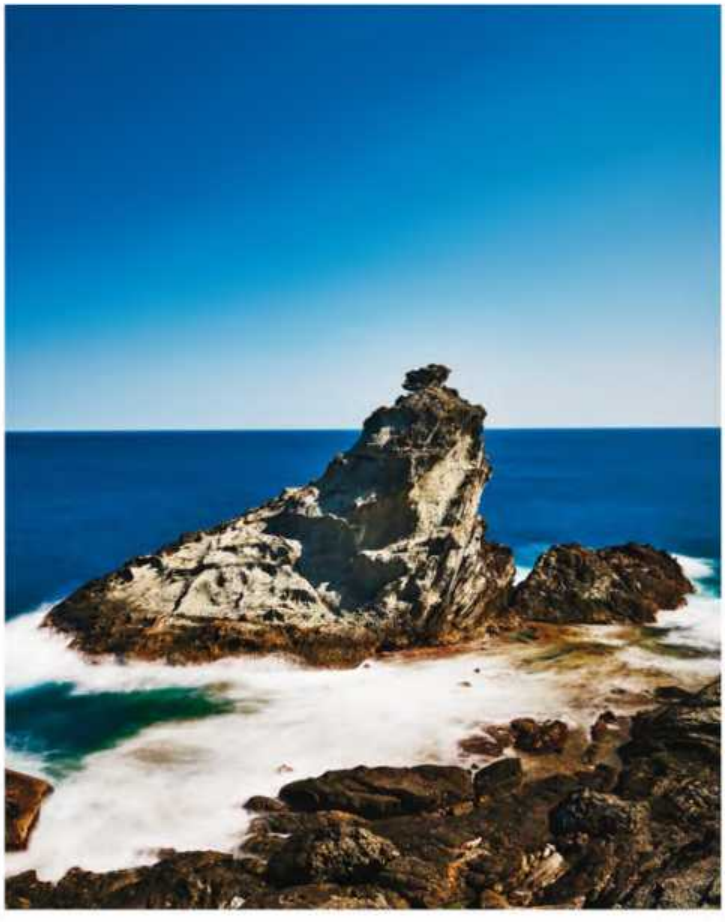
"No problem," declared the visiting matriarch, apparently from Tokyo. "We've got time. There's nothing else going on."

"If it takes three hours," added her companion, dressed (as he probably wouldn't be back home) in a blue floral shirt, shorts, and panama hat, "that won't be too long."

Okinawa isn't, in short, just a scattered, reggae-sweetened necklace of islands closer to Taiwan than to Tokyo, but one that actively seeks to turn Japanese congestion, industry, and formality on their heads. If Japan is defined by its island mentality, a place barricaded against the









OKINAWA REVELS IN AN ISLAND SPIRIT. IT'S FRIENDLY, A LITTLE DISHEVELED, AND SLEEPY AS A HAMMOCK ON A WINDLESS DAY.



This page: Fishing and tour boats share the waters of Kabira Bay. **Right:** Local tiger prawns with sliced green papaya, a dish in Hoshinoya's eight-course meal.







outside world, Okinawa—the main island and 160 others that trail off toward Southeast Asia—revels in an island spirit. Which means that it's friendly, a little disheveled, and sleepy as a hammock on a windless day.

The collective shrug with which Okinawa greets outsiders has something to do, no doubt, with its colonial history. Six hundred years ago, the Ryukyu Islands were an independent kingdom that adopted Buddhism and feng shui from China and banned all weapons. But in 1609, Japan's Shimazu clan took over, and in 1879, the mainland officially annexed the islands, renaming them Okinawa Prefecture. More recently, of course, the islands were the site of one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War II; to this day, the continued U.S. military presence here inspires furious debate in Japan and around the globe.

Yet because of Okinawa's independent-minded spirit, the islands have long been a refuge for surfers, divers, back-to-the-landers, and anyone who wishes to escape Japan without actually leaving it. Walk around the scrappy shopping streets of Ishigaki's port, the Yaeyamas' commercial hub, and you'll see Thai *tuk-tuks* jouncing around, "Asian healing" spas, and posters for the Gushi Kendrix Experience in concert. Old men pedal slowly past, wearing triangular bamboo hats, and old women on the bus sport what look to be flattened bowlers. Comfort, moreover, is no longer a foreign word here: In 2012, Ritz-Carlton landed on the main island, Okinawa-honto, while that same year the stealth-chic Hoshinoya brand opened an intimate property on the tiny, and uniquely unchanged, island of Taketomi.

From the air, as I flew over Okinawa-honto the way one might skip over Oahu en route to the Big Island, the string of islands looked embarrassingly like a travel brochure. Long stretches of uninterrupted white beach are lapped by water the color of a butterfly's wings: deep azure, lapis, and milky green, aglitter in the sun. When I stepped out of Ishigaki's open-air terminal, I could almost have been in Kona: the ukulele-like wail of the *sanshin,* the straw hats and sandals and tanned limbs all around, a single narrow road cutting through fields of tall sugarcane.

A ten-minute ferry ride took me from Ishigaki's port to Taketomi, centered around a hushed little settlement that is one of Okinawa's few preserved traditional Ryukyu villages. Nearly all 351 residents live in a maze of red-tiled one-story houses lined with white coral walls; here and there, a stone gateway marks an area for the gods. Carved lion-dogs, or *shisa,* snarl above almost every building, protecting a local animist creed as distinctive as Okinawa's many languages.

These *shisa* may be working double duty by protecting the island against development: Disembark from the ferry and you have to look for a sign for Hoshinoya Okinawa resort that bears no name in English, only three enigmatic symbols; the unpaved white coral lane leading to the hotel is entirely unmarked. A cadre of Taketomi's villagers, proud of

From far left: An Iriomote musician plays the *sanshin;* cedar-walled guest villas at the Hoshinoya resort on Taketomi. **Right:** Water buffalo carry passengers between Iriomote and Yubu islands in colorfully painted carts.



their traditions and protective of their many homemade shrines, resisted the construction of a twenty-first-century inn in their territory, until they learned that Hoshinoya's developers were willing to spend 30 months building low coral walls around each of the 48 villas—slightly curved, because evil spirits in Okinawa are said to walk only in straight lines.

True to island custom, every pavilion at Hoshinoya is constructed of cedar, without the use of nails in the roof. Many incorporate Okinawan tatami, which exudes a distinctive straw-like fragrance, with shoji screens set off by dim, evocative lighting. There are sound systems in every space but no TVs. A bathtub is positioned near the living area so you can watch the sky as you soak. As I walked around the property, it struck me that it feels as rare a hybrid as the islands themselves: not quite a ryokan, or traditional Japanese inn, but not really a Western hotel either; not exactly a beach resort, though a grassy path will take you to an empty beach in two minutes.

As I roamed, Hoshinoya's details came to me like calligraphic brushstrokes. Around the public spaces, stylish young Japanese couples, quite a few with sleeping babies strapped to their chests, sipped brown sugar and unsweetened rice juice and reclined on pillows at a daily *sanshin* concert. On an empty green hill at the back of the resort, a woman practiced yoga overlooking the sea. One evening, a staff member took me out on a boat under a profligate snow-shower of stars, translating the names of the constellations as the captain pointed them out. Hoshinoya's pool is placed in such a way that it can't be seen from the property's lookout pavilion. As the sun rises, the water reflects the clouds so sharply that it might be an abstract painting.

Food is so scarce on this little island that room service requires advance notice. But the kitchen seizes on the fact that Okinawa is one of the five so-called Blue Zones, known for its many centenarians who thrive on the famously healthy local vegetables, and meals are an extravagance of minimalist delicacies. Every night, Hoshinoya's celebrated Japanese-French chef serves up eight-course masterworks of "Okinawan nouvelle cuisine," which might entail *mibai* (grouper) sashimi marinated in *shikwasa* (local lime), with a carrot *shirishiri*—a local shredded salad—sprinkled with sea grapes. (All followed by tofu tiramisu and honey ice cream in pineapple-dill soup.)

For a respite from those elegant feasts, I took a quick shuttle ride into the nearby village and, in down-home, mom-and-pop restaurants, ate local dishes like *rafute*—slabs of glazed pork belly (islanders eat more pork than do mainlanders, a Chinese influence)—chased with Okinawan beer. One night, after my fill of this hearty fare, I got thoroughly lost in the dark. Two cheery laborers from Tokyo came to my rescue, offering to guide me back home by the light of an iPad. As we ambled along the pitch-black lanes, they pointed out a single firefly hovering among the stars and the "river in the sky," as the Japanese call the Milky Way. Suddenly, a minivan roared up behind us in the dark. I called out in Japanese, "Where's Hoshinoya?"

"Two hundred meters straight ahead," the grizzled driver replied in unexpected English. "On your right."

"A goblin," murmured one of my new friends—clearly under the influence of Okinawa's animist spell.

Yaeyama Islands How-To

WHEN TO GO

You'll have reliably good beach weather October through May, since these islands, at the southernmost tip of Okinawa's archipelago, follow subtropical climate patterns. That means summer can be blisteringly hot and September is typhoon season, when flights may be canceled.

HOW TO GET THERE

There are several flights a day to Ishigaki from Tokyo and Osaka, and on certain days from Taiwan. Once on Ishigaki, you can island-hop on the frequent local ferries.

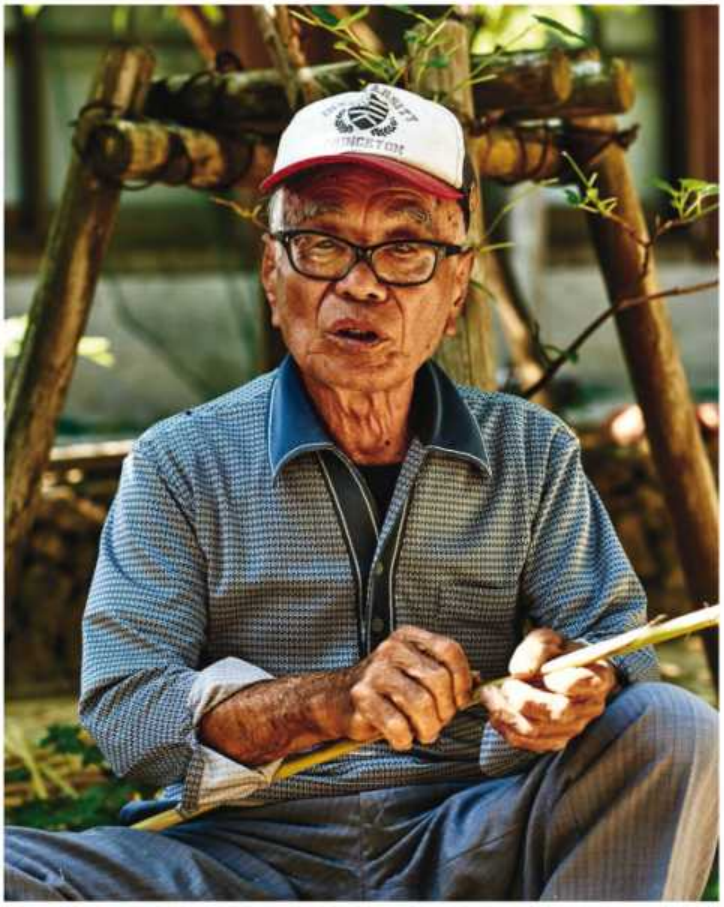
WHERE TO STAY

The stylish **Hoshinoya** is the only luxury resort on Taketomi (hoshinoya taketomijima.com; from $502). Elsewhere, small, family-run *minshuku* (guesthouses) are the best alternative to the larger hotels and resorts.

WHO TO CALL

Not up for DIY-ing it? Nancy Craft at **Esprit Travel & Tours** can put together trips focusing on textiles (Okinawa's are woven from banana fiber), music (*sanshin* and folk tunes), and gardens (esprittravel.com).

Right: An elderly craftsman on Taketomi embodies Okinawans' longevity (the islands have the highest percentage of centenarians in the world). **Far right:** Ishigaki's spectacular and peaceful Yonehara Beach.



LONG STRETCHES OF BEACH ARE LAPPED BY WATER THE COLOR OF A BUTTERFLY'S WINGS: DEEP AZURE, LAPIS, AND MILKY GREEN, AGLITTER IN THE SUN.

As the days went on, I started seeking out idylls in every direction. From Taketomi's only swimmable beach, you can look out on six different islands, one with a population of 14, another housing exactly 2. And a ten-minute boat trip from the Taketomi ferry landing will take you to Ishigaki, from where it's easy to set off in other boats to explore the neighboring islands.

One day found me on Iriomote, prized as "the Galápagos of Japan," whose thick, unpeopled rain forests rustling with wildlife give it the look of some last frontier. For nearly an hour, I tramped up a steep, soggy path, trailing three hardy travelers in shorts, to take in the island's two waterfalls; we were left to our own devices, which reminded me of the bus driver at the ferry landing who'd greeted us with a lackadaisical warning: "In Okinawa, we don't have tour guides—so you're stuck with me!"

Another morning, I found myself riding the ferry to nearby Hateruma Island with several young Japanese couples observing the islands' free-and-easy dress code—all straggly beards and baseball caps emblazoned with sayings like RECOGNIZE FREEDOM? After we landed, my fellow passengers took off on bikes, while I took a brief walk to Nishi Beach. For more than an hour, I wandered along the golden sand without spotting another soul.

A third day, it seemed enough just to stay on Ishigaki itself, so I took a bus to Yonehara Beach in the north. Three Japanese were snorkeling in the clear waters, while on the beach, a young woman slowly traced her name in the sand. The entire "resort" seemed to consist of two half-hearted buildings, one of them an Italian café where I enjoyed an Okinawa specialty: taco rice, a typical blend of foreign and indigenous influences. After lunch, I stepped back out onto the beach and had to catch my breath: Never in a lifetime of travel had I seen a stretch of white sand emptiness quite so gorgeous, or unexplored. With its open spaces, its go-slow people, its long horizons and unparalleled beaches, Okinawa was showing me the land where I lived in a radical, radiant new light. ◆



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Peak Season

IN ITALY'S DOLOMITE MOUNTAINS, A POTENT APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTLESS SOPHISTICATION HAS CREATED AN ALPINE CULTURE LIKE NOWHERE ELSE IN THE CHAIN.

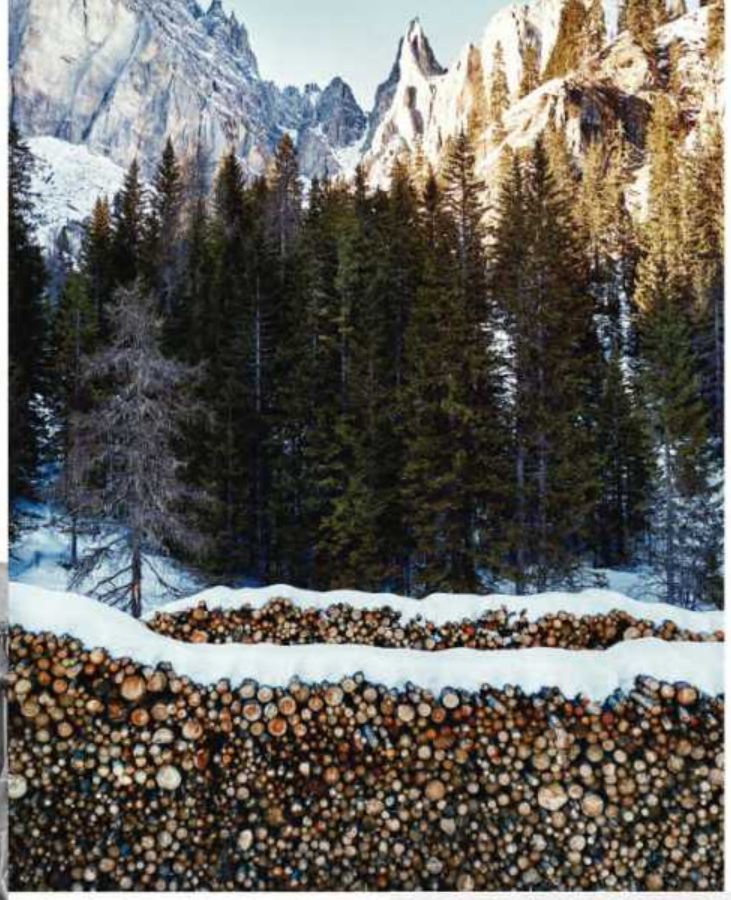
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skiing

the Dolomites may prompt the following question, "Am I in the Alps?" Geographically, of course, the answer would be yes. Shooting up some 10,000 feet from the chain's southeast foothills, this jagged ridge of 18 limestone peaks stitches together a region vastly independent from the rest of the Alps, like the bohemian branch of a grand old aristocratic family. Politically, they sit in northern Italy, though they don't inherently *feel* Italian: rustic mountainside dining rooms serve more spaetzle than spaghetti and a *Guten Tag* goes further than a *grazie*. Mussolini annexed the region from Austria in 1918 and pushed Italianization, but it never quite took: Even today, many locals prefer speaking the mountain dialect, called Ladin, over Italian and German. ¶ While glitzy towns to the west—Switzerland's Verbier, France's Courchevel—draw in a Moët-swigging crush of svelte snow bunnies and loud-money oligarchs draped in Bogner parkas, Dolomite villages like San Cassiano welcome Italian families who, season after season, ski its powdery slopes in winter and hike its lavender-lined mountain paths in summer. And amid all this distilled Alpine gorgeousness are the *rifugi*—traditional cozy mountain huts sprinkled across the valleys, villages, and slopes that act as restaurant, pub, inn,

Previous page: Skiers on the trails of Colfosco, near Val Gardena. **Right:** The fireplace in the *Stube* (living room) at San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge.







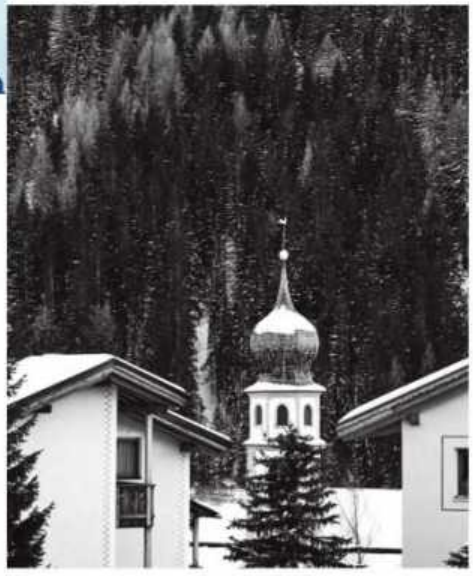


and café in one, offering hearty dumplings and *ragù,* simple rooms, and the requisite espresso hit between ski runs. ¶ But that's not to say the Dolomites don't telegraph an understated European glamour. For decades, the towns of Cortina d'Ampezzo and Bolzano—bookending the region from 82 miles apart—have been a landing spot for the moneyed with taste. Yes, you can find a Prada sweater here, but there are also Hapsburg-era castles, stately main squares, and a new wave of stylish luxury chalets (helmed by equally stylish innkeepers who know their Frette from their Fiordilino). ¶ From now through April, regulars will be hitting the area's 750 miles of gently sloped terrain, which is often blanketed in dry, powdery snow. Since the Dolomites are protected from the tempestuous northerly storms, chances are you'll get a cloudless sky (there are 300 glorious sun-flooded days a year here—said to be more than anywhere else in the Alps). And unlike in Colorado or Jackson Hole, once the boots are off for the day, plates of thin-sliced speck and *salume* served with preposterously excellent glasses of Gewürztraminer and pinot grigio are waiting for you. That's when you sit, eat, recharge—and think about how you can't wait for the sun to rise tomorrow so you can do it all again. -ED SMITH

Clockwise from far left: Happy hour at Enoteca Cortina; firewood stacked for the season in the Dolomites' 5,900-foot-high Tre Croci Pass; a platter of speck, bresaola, and local cheese at the Vigilius Mountain Resort, near Bolzano; the steeple of San Cassiano's 433-year-old church; ski gondolas high above the trails near Colfosco; exterior of the Matteo Thun–designed Vigilius.







THE DOLOMITES ARE LIKE THE BOHEMIAN BRANCH OF A GRAND OLD ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY.





Right: An espresso and cream-filled *Krapfen* at Pasticceria Lovat, on Cortina's Corso Italia. **Left:** Pine-studded mountain roads in the South Tyrol.

Right: Barmen Marino Moro, left, and Paolo Bettin ready for service at the Hotel de la Poste's wood-paneled American Bar.

The Dolomites: An Insider's Guide

CORTINA & ENVIRONS

If you've heard of only one town in the Dolomite Range, it's likely Cortina d'Ampezzo, which hosted the Winter Olympics in 1956 and has cultivated a following ever since. First came the starlets—Sophia Loren, Liz Taylor—draped in furs and diamonds straight from Cinecittà. Later came the Italian football wives, then the blinged-out Russians with time and cash to spare. Today, this minuscule pedestrians-only village in the Veneto region lures a new generation of skiers (many of the après persuasion) with its ingredient-forward dining scene.

APRÈS-SKI APERITIVI

Well-heeled Milanese and Eastern European ski bunnies convene for Aperol spritzes and luscious wild boar *salume* at the slopeside **LP 26,** where the people-watching is almost cinematic: fur coats, designer moon boots, and hairstyles that miraculously survive a full day of skiing. To be clear, many of LP 26's habitués spent their afternoons shopping and getting blowouts, not blowing down the slopes (dallava.com).

LOCAVORE STANDOUT

Opened in 2014, the four-table destination restaurant **AGA** in San Vito di Cadore (a ten-minute drive from Cortina) is a paragon of Italy's "zero-kilometer" movement—nearly all ingredients are grown on the owners' farm or foraged within miles of the kitchen. "Even the venison and pheasants are sometimes shot by my father-in-law," says chef/co-owner Oliver Piras. Among the highlights is the rice with citrus miso and local filipendula flowers. Drawing inspiration from (you guessed it) a stint at Noma in Copenhagen, the Sardinia-born Piras has been a key player in reviving the Dolomites' mountain foraging tradition (aga ristorante.it).



(POST) POWDER LUNCH

One of the world's great mountaintop restaurants, the seasonal **Ristorante da Aurelio** (open December–April and June–September) has become a pilgrimage site for visiting chefs, not least for locally raised chef Gigi Dariz's terrific regional dishes like porcini-stuffed ravioli and thick-cut steaks, along with the magnificent views you'd expect at 7,220 feet up (da-aurelio.it).

EXPERTS ONLY

Blast down the spectacular black diamond run of Forcella Rossa, typically whitewashed in deep powder, set beneath the Tofane Range and cutting through an opening in the mountain rock that reveals views of Cortina worth stopping for. The setting was center stage in the Bond film *For Your Eyes Only;* and though you likely won't be pursued by Russian agents, these moguls will test your nerves. (This one's decidedly for the experts—Forcella Rossa regularly hosts the Women's World Cup.) But it's just one—and one of the most challenging—of literally hundreds of slopes in the Cortina region. To take full advantage, buy a **Dolomiti Superski** pass, which is valid on 450 lifts (dolomitisuperski.com).

WINE-DOWN

Head to **Enoteca Cortina,** in the town's center, for an early-evening vino—they stock labels from each of Italy's 20 regions—or a post-dinner *caffè corretto,* espresso splashed with local grappa (enotecacortina.com).

EARNED RELAXATION

Our favorite place to hit reset? The spa at Cortina's four-year-old timber-and-glass **Rosa Petra** resort, whose sauna is exactly what sore post-ski hamstrings cry out for. There's also a 50-foot indoor pool and a steam room that continually changes color just because. For deeper release, book the Hatma Essence massage with warm oil—then thank us later (rosapetracortina.it; from $240).

CAFÉ CULTURE

Join the ever-stylish patrons at **Pasticceria Lovat** for Italian and Austrian pastries—including an impossibly flaky apple strudel—and chase it with note-perfect hot chocolate or espresso (65 Corso Italia).

DRINK THIS

Housed in the town's former post office, the **American Bar** at the Hotel de la Poste has been an Ampezzo *it* spot since guest Ernest Hemingway routinely sipped martinis and Valpolicella within its dark-wood-paneled walls. Today, barkeep Antonio di Franco keeps the stools packed with his unequaled Puccini, a take on a mimosa but made with tangerine juice instead of OJ (delaposte.it).

SAN CASSIANO & ENVIRONS

Between Bolzano and Cortina, the village of San Cassiano is markedly less glitzy than its neighbors, with a pretty Alpine church at its center, breezy cafés, and prime skiing right on its doorstep. Come here if you're looking for something a tad more serene—yet with top access to all the major slopes.

FEEL-GOOD LUXURY

Calling to mind an elegant assemblage of Lincoln Logs, the eco-friendly **Lagació Hotel Mountain Residence** earned the Dolomites' first Climate House Agency certification when it opened in 2009. (The property uses just 3 kilowatt-hours per square foot a year, compared with the region's typical 11 to 20.) Owner Margareth Canins has ensured that the interiors are as environmentally sensitive: Rooms are named for fossils found in the region, and constructed of timber from local spruce and Swiss pine. (The stone for the stairs, Canins admits, was shipped in from Brazil.) A subterranean wood spa and mountain views give this hotel an edge over the town's pricier offerings (lagacio.com; from $264).

A HOME THAT'S UNLIKE HOME

By far the most swank rental around, **San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge** is a sixteenth-century former hunting lodge set high above the Badia Valley. Stefano Barbini, former CEO of Escada, acquired the property and transformed it into a ten-person hideaway. The lodge retains its architectural bones and cozy throwback touches (we love the stove bench above the masonry oven). But there's also a helipad, an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus golf course (a staggering 3,900 feet up), a heated outdoor pool, a spa room with a sauna, steam room, and hot tub, an underground cantina, and a private chef. And there's plenty to do beyond ski season: Guests can visit farms and vineyards, milk goats, forage for mushrooms, and hike the nearby slopes (sanlorenzomountainlodge.it; from $2,500 per night with a three-night minimum).

A FAMILY AFFAIR

The grand 165-year-old **Rosa Alpina** resort welcomes back a devoted (and moneyed) clientele each winter. One reason: Right out the front door is La Varella Mountain, with buttercup-lined trails in summer. And despite the glam touches—the Verona marble spa, the Michelin-starred restaurant (see below), the brand-spanking-new gym—it keeps a delightful small-town vibe, thanks to its owners, the Pizzinini family, who live right upstairs (rosalpina.it; from $463).

A SEAT AT THE CHEF'S TABLE

You'll want to book well in advance to have dinner at **St. Hubertus.** For 19 years, the dining room at Rosa Alpina has been the gold standard in the region; credit Bolzano-born chef Norbert Niederkofler's refusal to serve anything sourced from beyond the Dolomites. His heirloom carrots are grown in nearby Bressanone, and the milk for his goat's milk butter, which is swirled into velvety bowls of orzotto, comes from a farm 25 miles away. No wonder the faithful fill the place every night of the season (rosalpina.it).

LOCAL DIALECT

The small but fascinating **Ladin**

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COINTREAU
DRAMBUIE
Vieux Marc de Champagne
SEMPE
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Left: Campari spritzes and smoked salmon *tartines* with sun-dried tomatoes, olives, and capers at the rustic Rifugio Emilio Comici.

Museum merits peeling yourself off the mountain for an afternoon, since it chronicles the history and culture of the native Ladin folk, who've lived in these villages since the Roman era (museumladin.it).

WHAT TO BRING BACK

A string of cheery Christmas markets unfurls through the valley's towns this month—a riot of fruitcakes and wooden ornaments. Even better bet: Follow the well-to-do locals (including Rosa Alpina owner Ursula Pizzinini) and stock up on painted porcelain at **Schönhuber,** a 160-year-old mainstay in the village of Brunico, whose collection of housewares and tabletop items numbers more than 16,000 (schoenhuber.com). Within walking distance, textile producer **Moessmer** is Pizzinini's go-to spot for traditional loden, the thick, waterproof woolen fabric spun into Austrian-style jackets and capes (moessmer.it).

CARVE THEN EAT

Our favorite way to refuel after a cold day: pulling up to one of the wooden seats at **Rastnerhütte,** a *rifugio* on the Rodenecker Plateau, and joining the locals for honest, hearty regional dishes like *canederli,* a bread dumpling and boar *ragù* (rastnerhuette.com).

ONE RUN, ALL DAY

With a few exceptions, the Dolomites are known among skiers for their intermediate-friendly runs. And the top pick among these is the Sella Ronda, a 25-mile trail studded with spruce that leads through four mountain passes on the highly Instagrammable Sella Massif Ridge. It's accessed by a network of chairlifts, and though the terrain is not difficult, the route does take six hours.

BOLZANO & ENVIRONS

Always popular with local skiers for its hundreds of miles of pristine trails, the chic but sleepy resort town of Bolzano, which anchors the South Tyrol region, is welcoming a new stash of elegant lodgings that are just as appealing as the great snow.

INTERIORS TO ASPIRE TO

On the south-facing side of Selva Gardena, **Pine Lodge Dolomites** is the area's latest high-end chalet, with four bedrooms that can sleep up to eight guests. Thank owner and interior designer Susanna Scott for its enviable aesthetic (check out the figurative wood sculptures from Bolzano-born artist Aron Demetz). The on-site Finnish sauna is essential for your post-ski wind-down, especially when lifts are just 980 feet from the front door (pinelodgedolomites.com; chalet from $12,000 per week).

THE LOCAL CULTURE

In July, the **Messner Mountain Museum Corones** swung open its Zaha Hadid–designed doors. Inside, you'll find a collection of photographs, tools, and other Alpine memorabilia curated by native son Reinhold Messner, the famed mountaineer (messner-mountain-museum.it).

MODERNIST RETREAT

Architect Matteo Thun (who's from here) turned the typical Alpine aesthetic on its head with **Vigilius Resort and Spa,** a clean-lined wood-and-glass lodge built with materials from the surrounding area, including larch. Inside, you'll want to take your local Gewürztraminer—crisp as the mountain air outside—by the glass-encased fireplace (vigilius.it; from $345).

DRINK AT THE TOP

The blue-and-white-painted **Rifugio Emilio Comici,** a mountain hut on the Sassolungo Trail, is popular for its excellent *salume* plates, fish specials, and peerless Campari spritzes come après-hour (rifugiocomici.com).

ARTISANAL HISTORY

In the medieval town of Bressanone, you'll find the region's only cheese refinery, **Degust,** piled with rounds of Melus and tangy Golden Gel blue (degust.com). Seventeen miles east of there, in Issengo, three generations of the Niederkofler family have been using native marigold and juniper pine in their bespoke fragrant oils at **Bergila** (bergila.it). And while in Bolzano, you can pick up a bottle of native wine honcho Josephus Mayr's cabernet from the finely edited stock at **Vinothek Ansitz Pillhof,** made in neighboring Cardano (pillhof.com).

OLD BUT NEW

Fresh off a stint in Dubai, chef Claudio Melis breathed new life into 50-year-old **Zur Kaiserkron,** on Bolzano's stately Piazza della Mostra, redrawing the menu with a strong seasonal focus and creating a wine cellar specializing in biodynamic labels, mostly from the neighboring region of Friuli (kaiserkron.bz). –**ONDINE COHANE**

TRAVEL INTEL

Tips, tricks, and miscellany: Our editors' guide to navigating the world.

GOOD NEWS
Right in time for Spring Break, American Airlines is kicking off a new nonstop route: Starting March 3, five weekly flights will connect Dallas/Fort Worth with Mérida, the capital and cultural hub of Mexico's Yucatán region.

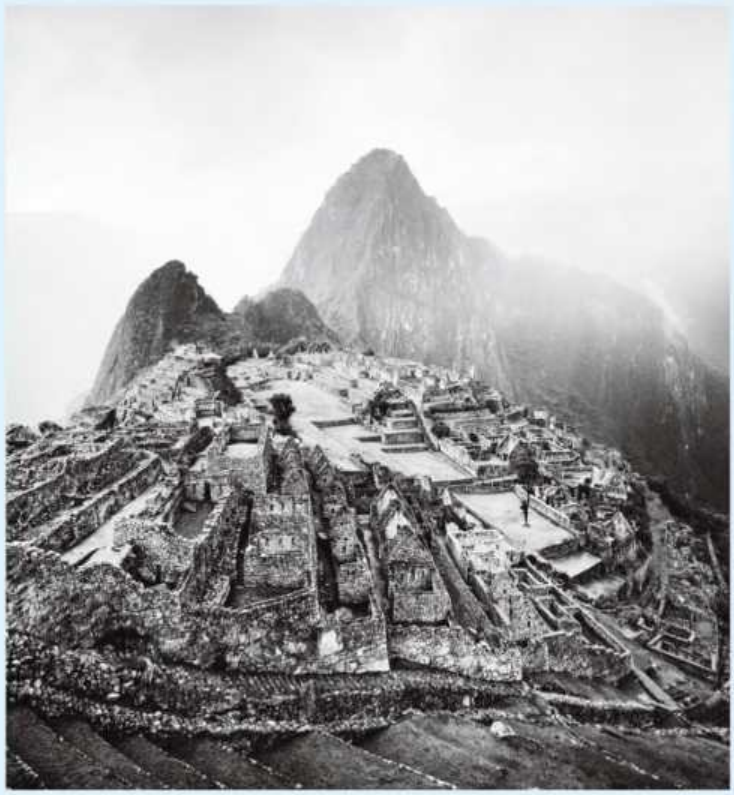
UNBELIEVABLE NEWS
The TSA continues to set records for the number of firearms it uncovers in carry-on bags. In a single week this September, 67 guns were seized. Even more outrageous: 84 percent of them were loaded.

BAD NEWS
Noma is shuttering (temporarily) at the end of 2016, and now word comes that another "world's best restaurant," El Celler de Can Roca, in Girona, Spain, will close its semi-private dining room, going from 58 to 44 seats next month.

This Month's Top Travel Tips from the Experts

1 ***Think Machu Picchu.*** "Permits to hike the Inca Trail in 2016 go on sale in January," says Marisol Mosquera of Aracari Travel Consulting, "so get on the list now, even though you should delay your trip until well after the rainy season, which ends in mid-March."

2 ***Book a summer adventure.*** "Family rafting trips are huge in August, especially on the Salmon and Colorado rivers," says Mindy Gleason of adventure outfitter O.A.R.S. "Lock in dates before New Year's."



If you're planning to hike Machu Picchu next year, you'll need to score a permit in January.

3 ***Secure a great European villa.*** "Brits typically don't book their summer rentals until January," says Charlie Stephenson of Red Savannah, "so you'll have the best selection of properties in Provence and Tuscany if you reserve now."

4 ***Fly to Europe for a lot less.*** "The all-business-class La Compagnie has great deals now to Paris and London from New York," says Erica Berman of Haven in Paris. "Two seats for $2,500 round-trip is amazing—Air France charges as much as $1,200 for economy."

5 ***Make New Year's unforgettable.*** "Even last-minute guests can get into Vienna's over-the-top Hofburg Silvesterball or the white-tie Tsar's Ball in St. Petersburg," says Gwen Kozlowski of Exeter International, "so don't forget your tux or ball gown."

OMBUDSMAN

Cash Is (Still) King

Q In exchange for a transferable $425 voucher for a future trip, I volunteered to be bumped from a US Airways flight. I used the voucher toward an Edinburgh–Boston flight for my daughter (and paid the difference in cash), but when the airline changed the departure city to Glasgow we had to cancel. We got the additional money back, but the carrier reissued the voucher as nontransferable *and* moved up the expiration date! I did *them* the favor originally, so what gives? *–Selina L., Walpole, Mass.*

A When airlines overbook a flight, they typically offer vouchers to encourage volunteers to take a later departure. But these often come with restrictions, so you're better off holding out for cash, which airlines are obligated to pay in most cases if they can't find enough volunteers. (We have the full details on overbooking at cntraveler.com.) After contacting American, which now handles US Airways claims, Ombudsman was able to obtain the original voucher for Selina L. (which, she tells us, she used to fly from Boston to Chicago).

Need help solving a travel problem? Ombudsman offers advice and mediation: E-mail ombudsman@cntraveler.com.

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200,000 Miles Logged in the Last Year

Gail Grimmett, Delta's senior vice president for New York, oversees the carrier's growing operations at JFK and LaGuardia—and knows why odd-numbered seats are the ones to book in business class.

On a flight I'd never WEAR A DRESS. The secret to packing efficiently is NOT TO UNPACK. I KEEP EVERYTHING I TRAVEL WITH, INCLUDING MY FLAT IRON, IN MY SUITCASE—AN OLIVE-GREEN, 26-INCH BRIC'S SPINNER—AT ALL TIMES. On long-haul flights I always SLEEP. I DON'T EAT OR DRINK ON THE WAY OVER, BUT ON THE WAY HOME I'LL INDULGE. The best seat to book is AN ODD-NUMBERED ROW AND AN AISLE SEAT. IN DELTA ONE, THAT PUTS THE WORK DESK ON YOUR RIGHT-HAND SIDE, WHICH I PREFER. Every traveler should ENROLL IN TSA PRECHECK AND THE GLOBAL ENTRY PROGRAM—AND DOWNLOAD WHATSAPP TO EASILY TEXT FROM ANYWHERE. When I'm not on business, I LOVE TO EXPLORE CITIES LIKE ROME AND TEL AVIV. I TRIED A CRUISE ONCE, BUT I CAN'T FOLLOW A SCHEDULE ON VACATION.



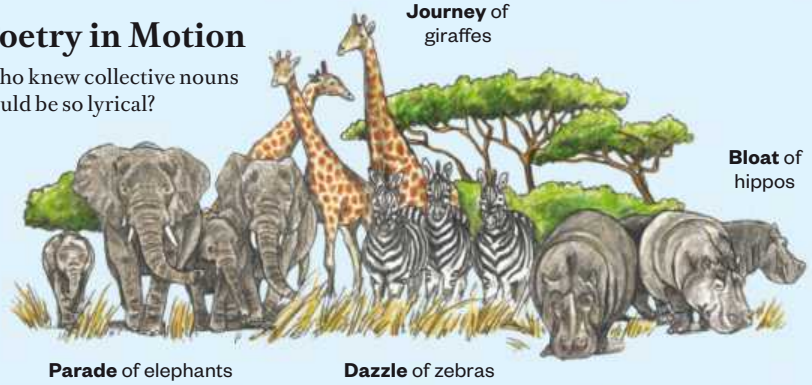
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Journey of giraffes

Bloat of hippos

Parade of elephants

Dazzle of zebras

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Paris, Pre-Instagram

FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS, traveler, illustrator, and author David Coggins has been capturing wintry scenes in Paris through a series of miniature watercolor and ink drawings. It's not the most likely of seasons to visit, but annual trips with his family were deeply rewarding. Coggins's illustrated memoir *Paris in Winter,* published this month, collects the quotidian revelations—fur coats worn on the rue du Bac, a Christmas tree at Notre-Dame, a dog in Chanel along the Left Bank—that show the City of Light in an entirely new one. His depictions, painted in situ, precede our modern predilection for smartphone snapshots: Instagram launched in 2010, soon after Coggins put down his brush and pen. Each image is a reminder that sometimes the ambiguous lines of something handmade have the power to create the most vivid memories. -DAVID JEFFERYS

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